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TENSE BOMBAY SITUATION

Crowds Attacking Mahasabha Residences

Gurkha Troops Moved In To Assist Police

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Every Christ Has His Judas!

Bangkok, Jan. 31.
Three thousand Indians, the Women sobbing and the men near tears, this evening heard Bhakwat Dayal, the Indian Charge D'Affaires here, pay a tribute to Mr. Gandhi as the greatest Indian ever.

Saying that the occasion demanded more than mere mourning, he called for the banishment of all passions from the hearts of Indian people so foreign to Gandhi.

He said every Christ had his Judas, and this distasteful assassination only proved that Gandhi was succeeding in his mission of peace.

India would not and should not turn back, but should proceed on the path shown by the Mahatma and to take to heart the message which, as the truest citizen of the world, Mr. Gandhi had contributed to the world, he said.

Banditry By Cigarette

Tokyo, Jan. 31.
Following the "poison holocaust" at the Tokoku Bank six days ago, in which the criminals gave fatal "medicine" to 12 employees before robbing the bank, the police disclosed today another form of banditry, in which druged cigarettes were given to victims on the Tokyo train.

Police said a gentlemanly robber offers his prospective victim druged cigarettes, making off with their luggage after the dope has taken effect and the victim is asleep. A stern warning has been issued against accepting cigarettes from strangers.—United Press.

Minnesota Madness

Elmer, Minnesota, Feb. 1.
A store-keeper on Saturday shot and killed three members of the City Council after the group had refused to grant him a licence to sell beer.

A fourth member of the council was wounded as he attempted to run out of the meeting room. The police said the killer, Joe Constanzi, 35, drove to the outskirts of the town and killed himself.—United Press.

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Kolhapur Riot

Damage estimated at tens of thousands of pounds was done when a large crowd swept through the city of Kolhapur, capital of the state of the same name, some 160 miles south of Poona, wrecking, looting and burning houses and business premises belonging to prominent members of the Mahasabha and Hindu volunteers.

In Bezwada, Madras Province, several persons were severely injured when a group of people, said to be Communists, clashed with members of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (a militant Hindu organization). The police made several arrests.

Poona Fires

Over a dozen buildings were put to the flames and six fires were burning simultaneously in the western part of Poona. Four premises of newspapers taking the Hindu Mahasabha line were attacked and one was gutted.

Troops were guarding trouble spots in Kolhapur after more than 40 shops, schools, banks and printing presses had been burned by the crowds, who were carrying sticks, pickaxes and canfuls of crude oil.

According to a Bombay Government communique, seven people were injured when the police opened fire to stop the looting, arson and stone-throwing.

300 Killed On Reunion

Port Louis, Feb. 1.
At least 300 persons were killed and tens of thousands left homeless by the cyclone which struck Reunion Island, according to first definite reports reaching here today.

Cables from residents of Reunion, an Indian Ocean island 90 miles southwest of Mauritius, off the east coast of South Africa, to personal friends said that meteorologists recorded winds up to 130 miles per hour during the storm before the instrument were rendered useless.

After the cyclone blew itself out, drenching rain poured down on the ruins and did not let up until yesterday.—United Press.

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Seven Day Curfew

A dusk to dawn curfew for seven days has been imposed on a large part of Central Bombay. The police opened fire early today to disperse angry crowds which persisted in attacking residences of the Hindu Mahasabha (Extremist Organisation) leaders and supporters in northern parts of Bombay.

A tense situation developed and police reinforcements supported by military detachments were sent to the area.

In sporadic disturbances since Friday night, thirteen have been killed. Streetcars and buses stopped running again at noon on busy Girgaum Road. They had resumed service at dawn after 36 hours of operation.

The "National Standard" Bombay newspaper, said 12 were hurt yesterday in a clash between rival groups at Gandhi condolence meeting in Savar state.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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Fall Of Hong Kong Investigation

Ottawa, Jan. 31

The Prime Minister, Mr. McKenzie King, today told the House of Commons that he would contact the United Kingdom Government on the advisability of publishing letters which he exchanged with Col. George A. Drew in 1942 relative to the investigation of the fall of Hong Kong.

The Prime Minister was asked on Thursday by the opposition leader, John Bracken, to table the letters since the United Kingdom War Office had published its records on the fall of Hong Kong. Mr. Mackenzie King said, however, that since he had once been advised by his legal counsel not to publish the letters he felt that he should give the United Kingdom Government an opportunity to express its views.—United Press.

Fourteen Hours Stand-By

A fire in the No. 1 hold of the "Carriack Bend" on Saturday night kept a fire brigade the stand-by for 14 hours.

On reaching the "Carriack Bend" at 7.15 p.m. on Saturday, Mr. Tipaldi found smoke belching from the No. 1 hold, which contained some 20 bales of coconut fibre.

Wearing oxygen-breathing apparatus, firemen went into the hold and threw several buckets of water on the burning fibre.

The fire flared up through the night and returned to its birth at 9 a.m. yesterday.

15 ARRESTED IN GANDHI PLOT

New Delhi, Jan. 31.
Police investigating the Gandhi assassination, today arrested 15 persons in Bombay and alleged that the murder was part of a conspiracy which "spread tentacles around New Delhi." The 15 persons arrested in Bombay were charged with being in conspiracy with Narayan Vinayak Gadse, the extremist Hindu editor from Poona, who shot Gandhi.

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SHANGHAI BRIBERY DEATH SENTENCES

Nanking, Feb. 1.

Three high officials of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Shanghai have been sentenced to death by the Nanking District Court on charges of corruption, according to Chinese press reports today.

Their names were given as Ying Lan-chen, Hsueh Sin-min and Chang Yuan.

A fourth official named Chang Pao-wei was given life imprisonment.

The total sum involved reportedly totalled CN\$1,500 million and US\$8,000 which the defendants were ordered to repay jointly.

The sentences were described by the Chinese press as being the heaviest yet imposed on officials charged with corruption.—Reuter.

Embezzling Of Funds Alleged

Canton, Feb. 1.

George Chen, head of the South China American Legion post was arrested here on charges of embezzling funds.

The case came to light a month ago when a search was started for three United States Treasury cheques totalling US\$2,500 which arrived at the American Consulate for a Chinese American former serviceman and which he never received.

Hiram A. Boucher, United States Consul-General, cabled Washington to stop payment on the cheques and advised the ex-Serviceman to report the matter to the police, with the resultant arrest of Chen.

The two cheques had been sent to the Chinese father of an American soldier killed in action.

The money was the insurance held by the son of a Cantonese named Gong Kow. It was sent to Gong care of the American Legion Post by the American Consulate.

Gong Kow said he received only US\$143 from China. Chen is an American citizen who came here from the United States more than a year ago. His guarantor offered to refund the money to Gong Kow.—Associated Press.

Radiophone Link

Nanking, Feb. 1.
The Chinese Government Radio Administration will hold an engineering test on Tuesday, as a preliminary to opening a regular telephone service between China and Britain.—Reuter.

NEHRU'S POSITION MENACED BY CRISIS

New Delhi, Feb. 1.
With the assassination of the Mahatma Gandhi interpreted by the police as part of a political plot, competent observers predict that the crisis will force changes in the government.

Gandhi, the greatest cementing force between all political factions, has left two leaders of the hour—Prime Minister Pandit Nehru and his deputy, Sardar Patel—only one of whom can triumph in an attempt to fill the vacuum caused by Mahatma's assassination.

Patel was known as Gandhi's "yes man," while the Mahatma always referred to Nehru as "My political heir." Patel is an ironclad Nationalist and often spoke out strongly

"Kwong Tung" Tragedy

THIRTY DIE IN "FIRE" PANIC

Large Crowds Besiege The Wharf Area

Thirty passengers were killed and thirty-four detained in hospital as a result of the "Kwong Tung" blaze on Saturday night, latest information revealed.

Two bodies of women were picked up in the harbour yesterday and two died in hospital. On Saturday night 24 bodies were retrieved from the water and two died en route to the hospital.

Some passengers were still aboard the steamer yesterday morning, refusing to leave. The wharf was closed to everyone, and the Emergency Unit was specifically instructed not to let members of the Press in.

Among officials visiting the ship yesterday morning were Mr. J. Jolly Harbour master, Mr. N. Garland, Deputy Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, Mr. Jackson, Principal surveyor of ships, and police representatives.

Towards the evening, a large crowd was "besieging" the wharf area anxiously seeking for news. Howlers were doing a roaring trade among them.

Damage was negligible, and it is now known that there was no fire on the vessel at all. Merely clouds of smoke from the smouldering refuse in fact, the only indication of the incident yesterday was the presence of the motley crowd around the wharf entrance.

The crew and passengers were questioned to ascertain the origin of the trouble and events that followed after the outbreak, which caused a stampede among the passengers.

It seems certain that the heavy casualty list was due to attempts by those who had fled the ship to get back aboard, while panic-stricken passengers were still fighting to get off.

The bodies of five victims were still in the water yesterday, pending an official inquiry.

Singapore Transport Paralysed

Singapore, Feb. 1.

About 30,000 Singapore workers went on strike today, paralysing the port and city transport, as a protest strike against the inauguration which was taking place at Kuala Lumpur, in the north, of the new Federation of Malaya.

The workers, employed by what they called "British vested interests" had been called out by the predominantly Communist Federation of Trade Unions.

The new Left-wing "Peoples' Ping" was flown at many places to mark the "day of sorrow."

At the Kuala Lumpur ceremony, Sir Edward Gent, formerly Governor of the Malayan Union, was officially sworn in as High Commissioner for the Federation, which came into being today.

The treaty establishing the Federation, consisting of nine Malay States and the settlements of Penang and Malacca, was signed on January 21 by Sir Edward Gent, representing the King and the Sultans.—Reuter.

PLANE PANIC

Shanghai, Feb. 1.
The report of the C.N.A.C. investigating party on the recent Mukden plane crash in which 10 evacuees were killed in a takeoff, announced today that the chief cause of the disaster was "tail heaviness" owing to a passengers' panic resulting in their moving about on board and disturbing the balance.—United Press.

VIET-NAM CLASH

Paris, Feb. 1.
French troops killed 47 Viet Nam guerrillas and captured 17 others in local operations in Cochinchina yesterday, according to a military communique reported by the Agence France Presse from Saigon.—Reuter.

HuShih's Buried Dreams

Peiping, Feb. 1.
Dr. Hu Shih, President of the Peking National University, former Ambassador to the United States, said today that he had lost his "dream of Soviet Russia."

He said the stand against imperialist aggression which Russia took after the overthrow of Czarism inspired him to most "enthusiastic hopes for the Soviet Union as a peace-loving country."

His hopes of a "new Russia" were now entombed under a "mountain of cold, hard facts."

In a letter published in the "Peiping Chronicle," Dr. Hu Shih described Chinese disillusionment over the secret Yalta agreement which restored Czarist acquisitions in Manchuria to the Kremlin; over the Sino-Soviet treaty in which China was "forced" to agree to these losses; over the Russian stripping of Manchurian industry.

"These events descended upon us and overawed us. The iron curtain has completely overshadowed Outer Mongolia, Northern Korea, Port Arthur and Dairen. We need not mention Central Europe and the Balkans."

Hu Shih said that today anxious people all over the world felt that Russia "has vastly superior resources and cherishes wilder ambitions to exert more influence than Germany and Japan."

He observed: "We cannot help feeling Soviet Russia's great misfortune; also her great loss."—United Press.

More Factories For Hong Kong

Canton, Feb. 1.
Threatened with being cut off completely from raw material supplies due to rigid import restrictions, the management of many of Canton's cotton weaving factories are planning to move to Hong Kong for continued operations.

Many factories have been unable to export their products, since the Trade Board required them to surrender HK\$6 per piece exported, requiring them to sustain heavy losses on exports.

Central News.

Cecil Plan For Reform Of Lords

London, Jan. 31.

The British political scene will be overshadowed next week by the tragedy of Gandhi's assassination, which stunned Parliament yesterday. It is likely to be the first matter to be discussed on Monday, when the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, (an old friend of the Mahatma), and other leaders will pay a tribute to his memory.

Over 100 British ministers and members of Parliament knew Gandhi personally. Whatever their political convictions, they are at one in describing him as the most remarkable man they have ever encountered.

Parliamentary business will be more domestic in character than it has been during recent weeks. The fight between the Government and the House of Lords still dominates the programme.

To ensure that the Lords—who have a Conservative majority—do not prevent the nationalisation of iron and steel during the life of the present parliament, the Government has introduced to Parliament a bill which cuts the peers' powers to delay legislation to one year.

When the House of Lords, which threatens to throw out this bill, resumes its debate on the subject on Monday, it will hear a new idea from the independent peer, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood. He will propose the concentration of the Upper Chamber voting power in 200 Lords of Parliament.

To start with half of these would be nominated by the Commons and half by the Peers. The Commons nominees would serve for two Parliaments (normally 10 years) and the Lords nominees for one Parliament.

The latter would be succeeded in the second Parliament of the new scheme by 100 Commons nominees, who would serve for two Parliaments (normally 10 years) and the Lords nominees for one Parliament.

The Weather

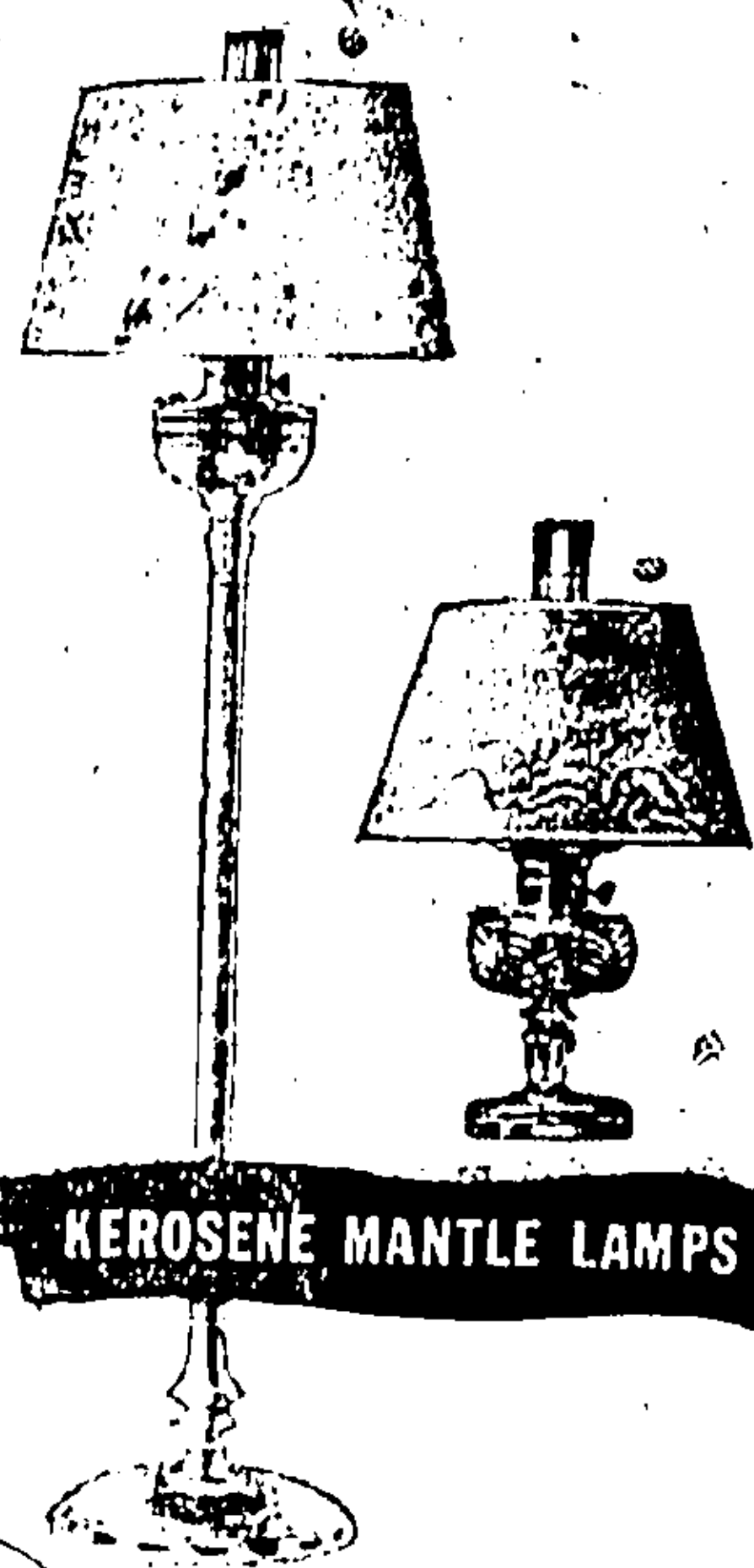
General situation: A deep anti-cyclone is moving into the Pacific to the east of Japan. The Siberian anti-cyclone is intensifying and spreading southwards over North China. The depression is moving slowly east-north-east across Kyushu and Japan.

Forecast: Light variable winds freshening later from the north and north-east. Mainly cloudy with morning mists. Becoming cooler.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 65.4 deg. Fahr. Minimum 52.8 deg. Fahr. Sunshine 5.7 hours. Rainfall 0.3 mm. Total since Jan. 1—21.9 mm. 12.9 inches as against an average of 23.3 mm. 1.1 inches.

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S'HA1 STUDENTS SEETHING OVER INCIDENT

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

While the cabaret front was quiet today after last night's wild demonstration by several thousand normally demure taxi-dancers, the local student world seethed with discontent over the police action in the fracas at the National Tung Chi University when Mayor K. C. Wu was assaulted by a number of students.

Chinese sources reveal that a group of students representing various universities may formally accuse the police with "inhuman acts" before the Shanghai District Court.

A protest has been sent to the Municipal authorities by the National Chiao Tung University students, some of whom were in the campus of the National Tung Chi University when the trouble broke out, which described police behaviour as the "most barbarous in modern history."

Meanwhile, students of the American-supported Saint John's University claim that 11 of their schoolmates are still missing since they went to Tung Chi University to give the students of the latter institution a send-off to Nanking to protest against the dismissal of their "self-government association" colleagues, and express the belief that they are among the 80 students detained by the police.

The police today succeeded in frustrating the march of a group of about 300 students from Nanking who arrived by train to "demonstrate their sympathy" with the students of Tung Chi University.

Mayor K.C. Wu is not likely to return to his office for the next few days following his man-

handling. Although considerably improved he has been ordered a continued period of rest.—Reuter

University May Be Dissolved

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

Whether the Tung Chi University will have to be dissolved depends on the turnout at classes tomorrow morning, the Vice-Minister of Education, Dr. Han Li-wu, told the Chinese Press last night.

The official, who was specially sent down by the Central Government to investigate the Tung Chi incident last Thursday (during which Mayor K. C. Wu was assaulted), inspected all classes and conducted roll calls at the University yesterday and found many students absent.

Dr. Han pointed out that the probable reason of the unsatisfactory turnout was that many students had gone to their homes since the trouble. He declared that should there be no improvement in the attendance at classes tomorrow, the University will be dissolved.

Chinese New Year And No Crackers!

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

The firing of fire-crackers, an age-old Chinese custom, in celebration of the Lunar New Year, will be prohibited by the local police authorities during the coming festive season.

The contention of the authorities is that the firing of fire-crackers does not conform with the current austerity campaign and security measures have been tightened with the approach of the Chinese New Year.—Reuter.



Mr. Harriman

Gilbert Harriman Sails Today

After 27 years of residence in Hong Kong, Mr. Gilbert A. Harriman sails today with Mrs. Harriman in the ss. "Yunnan" for Sydney.

Mr. Harriman is a former Chairman of the Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association and retired Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Limited. A Lieutenant in the Hong Kong RNVR, Mr. Harriman was a prisoner-of-war here during the Japanese occupation.

On his return to the Colony in January, 1946, he was of great assistance in an advisory capacity to Government in connection with the formulation of new Stock Market regulations, as well as being largely instrumental in the successful amalgamation of the two Exchanges. He also rendered other valuable assistance in the rehabilitation of the Colony.

In the early days—of John, Johnstone, Tommie Doyle, John Heard and Leo Frost—Gilbert Harriman was a well-known local jockey. He twice won the Autumn Championships, on "Chesapeake Bay" and "The Ape." He never realised his ambition to win the Derby, but placed third on his own pony, "Royal Scot." In 1936, Mr. Harriman is an official of the Jockey Club.

Having purchased a house in Sydney, Mr. Harriman expects to be away from the Colony for some time. His eldest son, Paul, who was a promising jockey, left for Scotland recently. His second son, Michael, a keen cricketer, is associated with Mollers Limited, Hong Kong.

TALK ON INDIA

In the Y. M. C. A. Salisbury Road Kowloon, at the Literary and Debating Club meeting, Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, B.A., will give a talk on "India in Transition." This will be held in the 1st floor lounge at 8.30 p.m. The Chairman will be Lt-Col Brasher-Creagh. The meeting is open to all.

New York, Feb. 1. Mayor William O'Dwyer announced today a priority system in the distribution of fuel oil which may force all non-essential industries in New York to close in face of the cold wave plaguing the eastern half of the United States.—United Press.

OFFER TO BACK LOANS IN CHINA

Nanking, Jan. 31. The Chinese Government would act as a guarantor of loans to private Chinese enterprises seeking foreign loans for industrial equipment, under a set of new proposals now under consideration by the Executive Yuan.

The measure, however, stipulates that such foreign loans can be used only for equipment that would be used in the manufacture of exportable goods or products that will aid in reducing the foreign trade deficit.—United Press.

Readers' Letters

Turgid

Sir,—Mr. Pearson has employed his usual turgid prose—half the time I don't even know what he is talking about—to confuse the original issue of the half-starring Japanese defence counsel and turn it into an argument on the subject of anonymous contributors to the Correspondence Column.

There are various reasons why a man prefers to conceal his identity under a nom-de-plume. It may be that his employers have a ruling on the subject. He may be a Government servant, with a useful criticism of the Government to contribute but which he obviously could not make over his own signature. He may just be shy.

There is one other angle which may have escaped his attention. Sometimes, a signature may carry more weight with the average reader, who will dismiss an unknown man's arguments in favour of those appearing over the name of an important member of the community, even though the former's reasoning is the more sound.

This would be true of the present debate, for my name, I say in all modesty, is quite well known in Hong Kong, whereas I must confess I have not found anyone who is acquainted with that of Mr. Pearson or even knows where he works.

I can only assume he must be somewhat young and naive. I suggest that when he grows somewhat older and more mature in thinking, he will realise that his letter in today's issue—with its references to poison-pens and cockroaches—is rather of the small boy who, defeated in argument, shouts "Yah, you've got a dirty face!"

EX-SERVICEMAN.

Shameen

Sir,—I beg to request you to spare some valuable space to make known to your compatriot readers what we overseas Chinese, now residing in this colony, were thinking about the aftermath of all this controversy re the walled city Shameen outrage! We can simply say that it is cowardice and malice well planned by reactionists who did not even think about justice and international law. Shame on them! That is what we thought with sincere regret to all those suffering as a consequence.

Now let us hope and pray for an early amicable settlement and do away with all this nuisance. Taking this opportunity, may I express through your esteemed medium that many true lovers of peace, sports and fair-play are discussing the possibility to select a tennis team of Hong Kong players to tour England first to participate at Wimbledon and then Europe, with a view to promote better understanding and mutual cooperation for World Peace. We young overseas Chinese are keen and will do our very best to start the move. It is up to the local Chinese tennis circle to make a responsive second, then the athletic bodies of Hong Kong and Shanghai as well.

J.K. YUI.

No Withdrawal In Prospect

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

Father Frederick A. McGuire, of Brooklyn, N.Y., General Secretary of the Catholic Central Bureau and who has been engaged in missionary work in China for 15 years, announced today that Catholic missionaries in North China, far from reaching any decision to abandon their efforts, are "increasing their numbers by the ordination of Chinese priests and by arrivals from abroad."

Fr. McGuire said that "the Catholic tradition in missions is to stay in time of persecution," but admitted that "obviously, priests are not obliged to risk their lives unnecessarily and the superiors will withdraw all who can be dispensed with in times of danger but missions will not be abandoned."

Fr. McGuire recalled the martyrdom displayed during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 and said: "It is precisely because this tradition is still maintained, that 12 priests, Chinese and foreign, have died at the hands of the Chinese Communists since VJ Day and some 15 have disappeared into captivity or have been killed. Within the last few months, the gifts of the Chinese people, particularly of the Christians, have been of great help in the appearance of Christianity in particular."—United Press.

community died of hardships as prisoners of the Reds." Fr. McGuire denied that greater persecution of Catholics by the Chinese Communists was due to the fact that Catholic Churches are landowners in China, and claimed that the missions do not take profits.

Fr. McGuire said the Communist allegations that they are large landowners were "obviously a pretext for their ultimate objective, which is the confiscation of churches, schools and hospitals and the elimination of all religious influences in the lives of the people. The Reds have no use for any religion and have declared by word and deed that they seek the disappearance of Christianity in particular."—United Press.

MAYOR ASKS FOR DRASTIC PUNISHMENT

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

Mayor K. C. Wu and the Garrison Commander, Lieutenant General Hsuan Ti-wu, wired the Premier, General Chang Chun, last night asking for permission to punish severely the ring-leaders who incited approximately 6,000 cabaret hostesses and workers to wreck the Social Affairs Bureau building yesterday.

This was made known by the Social Affairs Commissioner, Mr. Wu Kai-hsien, in an interview following the wrecking of his offices. The official also emphasised that the ban on commercial dancing will be strictly enforced despite the rioting.

Commissioner Wu charged that the riot was planned and organised by "bandits." A check this morning showed more than 30 demonstrators and 16 police had been injured, two of the latter seriously, while approximately 500 of the rioters had been detained for interrogation.

The immediate cause of the uprising was the drawing of lots yesterday morning by the Social Affairs Bureau to close down 16 cabarets at the end of March, in accordance with the Central Government ruling.

The wrecking began when the demonstrators were frustrated from seeing the Commissioner, Mr. Wu Kai-hsien, after his arrival at the Social Affairs Bureau building, which is situated in the former French Concession.

They descended on the offices of the Bureau and smashed every pane in the rooms, broke all chairs and sofas and overturned all the desks.

Shambles

Then they marched to the conference room which they soon turned into a shambles. It is believed many valuable records were lost in yesterday's disturbance, including a complete roster of the factories in the town and a list of persons who are entitled to rice rations.

When police vans, fire wagons, cavalry units and members of the Security Corps arrived on the scene, the Amazons threw chairs down from the first floor, injuring several constables.

The battle lasted altogether for 55 minutes. Yesterday's attack on the Bureau differed from other mob actions in that no delegates had been appointed and no demands were presented to the authorities.

The police carried out close investigations after the riot but no names of the ring-leaders were released.—Reuter.

Home For Street Sleepers

Humanitarian work by the Relief Section of the Social Welfare Council resulted yesterday in the premises formerly occupied by the Violet Peel Health Centre being thrown open to street-sleepers. Some 160 men and women will be housed for the duration of the winter.

Mr. Ng Hung, who is in charge, told the "China Mail" that accommodation for 50 men is provided for on the ground floor and on the first floor there is ample accommodation for 100 women and children.

Gunny bags have been used for bedding. For covering, each individual will be given four such bags. Bathing and laundry facilities have been provided on both floors.

A "first aid" box is located on the ground floor, while a doctor will visit the premises daily.

The hostel will be opened to registered inmates between 6 and 9 p.m., after which late-comers may have to remain outside.

Food has in the past been provided by the Government and will be distributed to the needy according to the scale laid down by the government, with rice and bread on alternate days.

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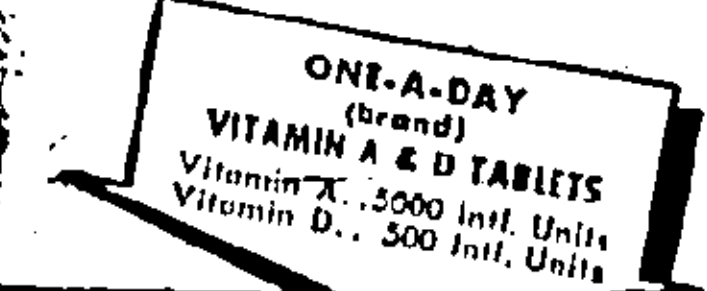


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NEW RED THREAT IN WESTERN MANCHURIA Sweeping Success Along Railway

Shanghai, Jan. 31.
The Government's position in western Manchuria
has been rendered more precarious in the past
24 hours when Communist columns, fresh
from their victory at Hsinitun, captured the
important railway junction of Kowpangtse,
90 miles south-west of Mukden, according to
reports from Manchuria today.

As a result of this latest success, the Communists
now hold an uninterrupted line running from
Hsinitun to Panshan, 30 miles southeast of
Kowpangtse, through the towns of Peicheng
and Lowpangtse. This line, according to mili-
tary observers here, will serve a two-fold
purpose of, firstly, checking Nationalist rein-
forcements moving up along the Peiping-
Mukden railway from the Great Wall city of
Shanhaikwan, or from the south Manchurian
port of Hulutao, and secondly, forming part of
an encirclement of Mukden.

Meanwhile, the whereabouts
of General Fan Han-Chieh's
mechanized troops remain a
mystery. They began moving
on the Hsinitun area from
Hulutao several days ago and
all that press reports have been
allowed to say of their move-
ment in the past two days is
that they have reached their
designated positions.

General Fan himself, mean-
while, has arrived in Peiping
and is scheduled to enter into
a conference immediately with
General La Tsung-jen, chief of
the President's headquarters in
Peiping, and General Fu Tso-
vi, commander-in-chief in North
China, to discuss anti-Communist
operations on the Man-
churian and North China bor-
der, and also measures to secure
the Peiping-Mukden railway line,
which is now facing a direct
Communist menace after the
loss of Hsinitun and Kowpang-
tse.

On the North China front,
the latest pro-Government re-
ports said that a major Com-
munist offensive in Hopei is ex-
pected to be launched before the
spring, as Communist General
Nieh Yung-cheng's forces along
both sides of the Peiping-Pao-
ting line are being regrouped
for action.

The present Communist ac-
tivity in the Peiping and Tien-
tsin area and Eastern Hopei is
regarded as a possible prelude
to large-scale operations within
the next two months. Without
waiting for the Communist
offensive to develop, General
Fu Tso-yi's seasoned troops are
now already on the move in

China Gives Property Figures

Nanking, Feb. 1.
About 70 percent of the prop-
erty belonging to Allied
nationals in China, half of
which is owned by British,
have been returned to their
 rightful owners since they were
taken over from the Japanese,
it was stated here today.

The majority of these cases
were completed during a six
months' extension of period
until the end of 1947, and 19
are to prove ownership.

The remaining cases are de-
layed due to the claimants'
inability to produce ownership
papers before the time limit.

Allied properties in areas
occupied by the Communists
will be open for claim for six
months from the date the areas
are recovered.

Thus far the properties re-
turned in the Yangtze River
ports of Hankow and Kueikang
and the North China cities of
Peiping and Tientsin, included
43 British, 18 Italian, five
American, two Belgian and one
each Russian, Swedish and
Greek.—Reuter-AAP.

RIP KIRBY



BY ALEX RAYMOND

Briton Puts Court In Quandary

Peiping, Jan. 31.
The U.S. Navy court martial of Marine Colonel
Leslie Narum on charges of illegally using his
Supply Officer post to send furs to the United
States and of other actions, is heading into in-
ternational complications of whether a Chin-
ese court can order a foreign national to ap-
pear before a United States military tribunal.

The legal tangle arose over whether the Chinese court could force Roy V. Tschoo, Eurasian-British subject, who is a movie distributor, to return to court; he walked out on Friday, re-
fusing to testify.

Tschoo said the Chinese au-
thorities forced him under the
pain of arrest to appear, and af-
ter taking the oath Tschoo said
the Chinese police have been try-
ing for a fortnight to involve
him as a witness in the activi-
ties of "certain Chinese" whose
names were figured in earlier
testimony.

He added: "But I do not want
to get mixed up in this."

The court denied the defence
motion for investigation is to de-
termine if Tschoo is appearing
under duress on the part of
Chinese officials "whose actions
may be illegal in this court."
Instead the seven-man tribunal
headed by Brig Gen Omar T.
Pfeiffer, former Marine Com-
mander in the Pacific, ordered
the Judge-Advocate to inform
the local Chinese and British
authorities of Tschoo's refusal
to testify and his walkout under
oath.

Took A Walk

It was while the defence and
the tribunal were arguing after
the court was cleared that
Tschoo took a walk and said:
"I am going to catch the train
to Tientsin."

Tschoo was summoned in the
first place to answer questions
on whether or not he had in-
formation on Narum's alleged
traffic in automobiles.—United
Press.

Puzzle: Find The Motive

London, Feb. 1.
Russia has accepted in the
Allied Control Council for Aus-
tria that the occupying powers
should withdraw their military
police and entrust more power
to the Austrian government.

A Russian proposal to adjust
today's proposal to the one made
at Vienna last Friday by
Gen. L. V. Kuznetsov, Soviet Com-
missioner for Austria.

He suggested that the occupying
powers, in all cases, except those
against the occupying powers; trans-
fer jurisdiction to Austrian courts;
against the Allied powers; trans-
fer the function of city traffic control
to the Austrian police; until re-
parations are completed put displaced
persons under the jurisdiction of the
Austrian Government; and permit
Austrians to complete bilateral re-
paration agreements with the gov-
ernments concerned; turn over to
the Austrian Government compensation
of all radio stations controlled by the
military.—United Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Jack Hylton and His Or-
chestra. With Vocal.
1.00 p.m.—Popular Organists.
1.15 p.m.—News. Weather Report and
Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
"The London Radio Orchestra".
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Hospital Request
Half Hour—Presented by Ethel
Holmes Brown.
6.40 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra
and Jeanette MacDonald and Nolan
Eddy (Vocal).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and
Home News.
7.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I
Like" Presented by Gus Caddick.
7.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
"They Fought at Alamein" An An-
niversary feature on the Victory of
the 8th Army in Africa.
8.30 p.m.—Morton Gould and His Or-
chestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.15 p.m.—Studio: George Pearson &
His Beach Boys, with Mari (Vocal).
9.30 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Or-
chestra.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay: "What Is
Art For".
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News
Reel.
10.15 p.m.—Something for Everybody—
Music for all Tastes.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

PLANE CLUE DISCOVERED

Westover, Feb. 1.
A U.S. B-17 search plane
has discovered several boxes
and an oil drum, believed
to be from the British air-
liner missing off Bermuda.
The plane was last heard
from on Friday, when it
was 440 miles north-east of
Bermuda. The boxes and
oil drum were spotted 325
miles north-west of the is-
land.—Associated Press.

Britain Must Insist On Marshall Plan

London, Jan. 31.
Britain must insist that the Marshall aid promised
by the United States was given and used to
produce a genuine recovery in Europe, be-
cause Britain could not afford the continu-
ance of "a festering sore," Mr. Emmanuel
Shinwell, Secretary for War, declared here to-
day.

She had already spent nearly £10,
000,000 in grants and gratuities
towards the continent's recovery.

"Now that our own efforts are
achieving higher levels of production,
we must play an increasing part in
helping Europe to recover her inde-
pendence."

Mr. Shinwell declared that the
Labour Party wants friendly coopera-
tion with Soviet Russia but "the
cooperation must be based on mutual
respect and democratic tolerance."

The Marshall Plan imposed special
responsibilities on the Socialist par-
ties of Europe.

"I assert that the countries which
have made the greatest strides to-
wards economic recovery since the
war are those in which the Socialist
influence is predominant."

"Initiative"

"The British and French Socialist
Parties had already started in in-
viting all the Socialist parties con-
cerned to discuss European cooperation
within the framework of the Mar-
shall Plan."

"Such practical initiative in reach-
ing a constructive agreement on
real and immediate issues con-
tributes a thousand times more than
the Utopian schemes for a united
Europe," he concluded.—Reuter.

Clay Gives Sharp Reminder

Berlin, Feb. 1.
Gen. Lucius D. Clay,
American Military Gov-
ernor, today sharply re-
minded Marshal Vassily
Sokolovsky that the
United States has the
same rights in Berlin as
any other occupying
power.

Gen. Clay's flat statement came
at a meeting of the Allied Control
Council.

Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British
occupation commander, pointed out
the resolution pointing out that no
held by any political party in Berlin
are under four-power jurisdiction
and should be open to the representa-
tives of all powers.

The resolution was in answer to
action by two Russian officers in
barring two British officers from the
December meeting of the Christian
Democratic Party in the Soviet
sector.

Gen. Clay suggested that no Allied
officials should be permitted to attend
political party meetings in Berlin in
line with the policy of political non-
interference.

Marshal Sokolovsky retorted that
the Western Allies had no right to
attend meetings "solely the interest
of political parties of the Soviet zone."

Gen. Clay then asserted that the
United States had the same rights in
Berlin as any other power. Although
he was not interested in being re-
presented at the December meeting, he
would have felt justified in sending
representatives.—United Press.

Kashmir May Be Withdrawn From UNO

Washington, Jan. 31.
An Indian Embassy spokesman said here today
that it was "possible" that the Indian delega-
tion to the Security Council discussions on
Kashmir might be withdrawn to New Delhi
shortly.

He said that such a with-
drawal would mean in effect
that India was withdrawing
her protest over Kashmir from
the Security Council's agenda
and would indicate her inten-
tion to settle the dispute with
Pakistan unilaterally.

The spokesman said that the
decisive word on this matter
was expected from New Delhi
within the next 24 hours and he
stressed that the delegation, in
any case, would not return un-
til after next Tuesday's Secu-
rity Council session.

He declined to discuss to
what extent the possibility of
Pakistan.—Reuter.

settling the dispute with Pakis-
tan direct resulted from the as-
sassination of Mahatma Gand-
hi.

"Unfairly Biased"

The chief delegates likely to
be affected by this possible de-
velopment are Mr. M. Raman
Gopalayyer, Sheikh Abdullah and
Mr. M. C. Setalvad.

The spokesman said that the
general opinion among the In-
dian delegation to the Security
Council was that the majority
of members of that body were
unfairly biased in favour of
Pakistan.—Reuter.

Chinese Airlines Protest

Shanghai, Feb. 1.
China's only two commercial air-
lines—C.N.A.C. and C.A.T.C.—have
made strong "unofficial" representa-
tions to the Chinese Government to-
day against the reported formation of
a government-controlled semi-official
commercial airline under Maj.-Gen.
Claire L. Chenault.

Officials of both airlines charged
privately that under the guise of re-
lief operations C.A.T. operated in a
"privileged category."—United Press.

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ernment has adopted the slogan
"triple protection and triple
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tection of villages, homes and
lives through the capture of
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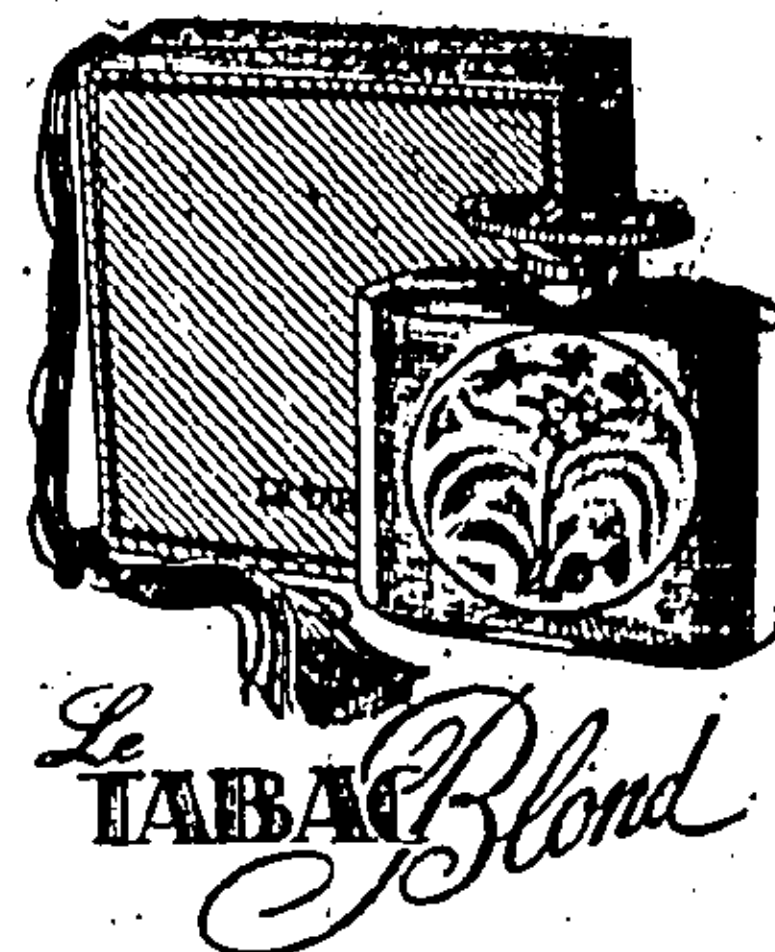
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V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works.

20th January, 1948.

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	(b) Causeway Bay & North Point	4 cents
	(c) Kennedy Town	4 cents
	(d) Shaukiwan	8 cents
	(e) Apichau & Aberdeen (Apichau)	1 cent
	(f) Remainder of Island (Aberdeen)	2 cents
	(g) Remainder of Island (Pokfulam)	1/2 cent
	(h) Remainder of Island (Stanley)	1/2 cent

	(2) KOWLOON	
	(a) Tsimshatsui (East)	4 cents
	(b) Tsimshatsui (West)	6 cents
	(c) Yau-mat (from Jordan Road to Prince Edward Road, outside Tai Kok Tsui District)	4 1/2 cents
	(d) Tai Kok Tsui District	4 cents
	(e) Hung Hom	4 cents
	(f) Ma Tau Wai	3 cents
	(g) Ma Tau Kok	4 cents

	(3) NEW KOWLOON	
	(a) Shumshapoo (North of Boundary St.)	2 1/2 cents
	(b) East of Sui-lah at Tonkin Street	2 cents
	(c) Wai to Yen Chau Street	2 cents
	(d) Cheung Sha Wan	2 cents
	(e) Lai Chi Kok	1 1/2 cents
	(f) Kowloon City & Surrounding areas including Diamond Hill	1 cent
	(g) Ngau Chi Wan	1/2 cent
	(h) Ngau Tau Kok	1/2 cent
	(i) Lyemun	1/2 cent

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	(3) NEW KOWLOON	

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	(9) Mooring Rafts	
	(10) Approach Road	
	(11) Right-of-ways	
	(12) Footpaths	
	(13) Bridges	
	(14) Retaining walls	
	(15) Ramps & Terraces	
	(16) Buttreases	
	(17) Fence walls	
	(18) Steps & lanes	
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	(7) Dwelling sheds	

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 10th February, 1948, to Friday, 20th February, 1948, both days inclusive.

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TWENTY YEARS AS PREMIER

Doyen of world statesmen in period of service as head of a Government, the Right Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, aged 72, who has just announced his impending retirement from politics, has already completed a total of 20 years as Prime Minister.

He has beaten the records of all British or Dominion statesmen except Robert Walpole who was British Prime Minister for a year and 144 days in 1715-1717 and for 21 years and 326 days in 1721-1742.

When Canada on July 1 celebrated her 80th anniversary of confederation as a nation he had been Prime Minister for one quarter of its history.

By heritage and character Mr. Mackenzie King, who is of Scottish descent, is a mixture of reformer and conservative. He has been leader of the Liberal Party since 1919, and is a Gladstonian type of Liberal.

For 19 of the 20 years he has personally directed the Canadian Commonwealth and foreign policy as Secretary of State for

External Affairs, as well as being Prime Minister. Last December he turned over Foreign Affairs to the Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent, but he still keeps a close tab on action.

Mr. Mackenzie King has been the prime figure in the development of the Commonwealth to its present status. He was one of the framers of the Statute of Westminster, which gave the Dominions equal status with Britain in both domestic and foreign affairs, and complete self-government.

He is a strong Commonwealth man, and a believer in the association of the Dominions and Britain. But he rejects attempts to impose uniformity of policy to form the Dominions with Britain into a rigid bloc taking the same attitude on all issues.

He appreciates that Canada can play her destined role in Commonwealth and world affairs only with a united country. Generally his Party has obtained a great majority of French-Canadian votes. Divisions appearing during the two Great Wars over the conscription issue resulted in Canada delaying the introduction of conscription until near the end of each war.

He is for gradual social reform, and introduced unemployment insurance, old age pensions for the needy over 70, family allowances for children under 16, and advanced labour legislation. Before his retirement he hopes to see health insurance established, and pensions for all over 70.

Jealous Of Canada's Rights

He was a newspaperman in his younger days. He entered politics in 1908, retired from 1911 to 1919, was elected leader of the Liberal Party in 1919, and became Prime Minister in 1921. Out of office for a short time in 1925, he was returned in 1926 until 1930. Then the Government was defeated, but was returned in 1935, and he has held office until now.

He is modest and peace-loving. But in the Commons and on the platform he achieves a fiery eloquence when the occasion demands.

He is jealous of Canadian rights and resents attempts by anybody to push Canada around.

He is sometimes accused by Canadian imperialists of being pro-United States, but he proved his loyalty to Britain by leading a United Canada into the war and placing all Canadian manpower and resources at her side.

He believes Canada can best serve the Commonwealth by linking Britain and the United States.

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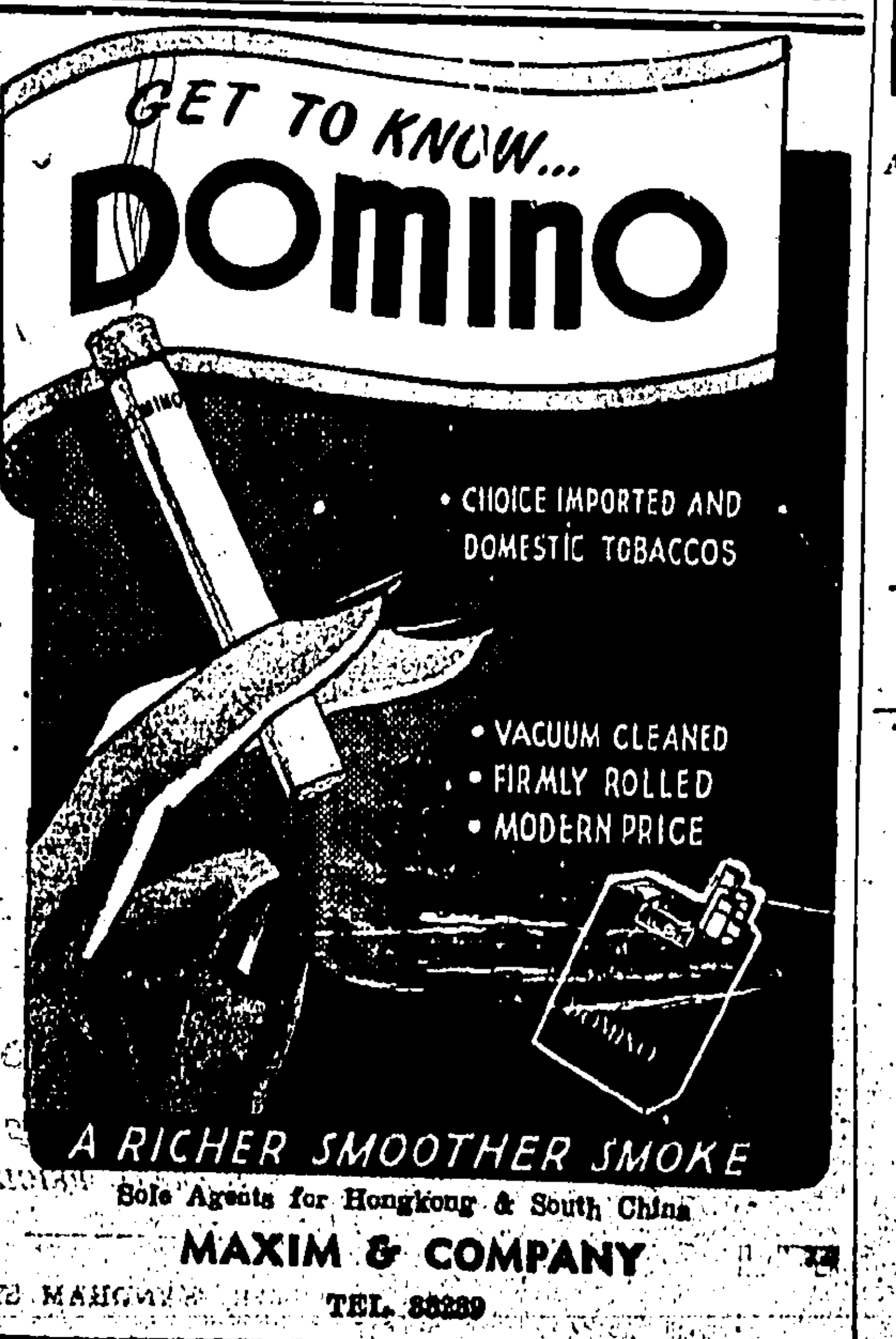
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MOSCOW SEES A RED LIGHT Denmark To Be A Base For "Imperialist Adventures"

Britain, America Now In Control There?

Moscow, Jan. 31. Britain and the United States are increasingly seeking to convert Denmark by political and economic pressure into a military base for adventurous plans, the "Red Star," the Soviet Army newspaper, wrote today.

The network of aerodromes and airstrips built by the Nazis during the occupation is being expanded under the direction and with the help of British and American experts and could accommodate about 3,000 more planes than she had ever had, the "Red Star" declared.

All Out Of Step But Russia?

London, Jan. 31. The Soviet publication "New Times" said today the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo is being converted into a farce.

The "New Times" article, broadcast by Moscow Radio said these responsible for the situation are: Sir William Webb, Australian President of the Tribunal; Joseph Keenan, American chief prosecutor; and the American counsel for the defense.

The "New Times" said that under American influence the Tribunal is trying to save Japanese militarists from getting the punishment they deserve.

"Protectors of Japanese imperialists evidently consider it one of their principal tasks to spread chauvinist, militarist propaganda and libels against the Soviet Union," Associated Press.

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"Denmark's airforce were recently reorganised. The army and navy air forces were unified and placed under a single command, led by Colonel Erum, whose ties with the Americans are well known."

Foreign influence was also evident in the Danish army, created and armed by Britain since the war and trained on British lines, the "Red Star" went on.

"Danish ruling circles have already made their choice, placing their armed forces under the control of the United States and Britain."

"Boded No Good"

"For the time being there exists no formal military alliance between Denmark and her high patrons, but this is due only to apprehensions lest such an alliance should cause the resolute resistance of a broad section of the population."

The Danish people, the "Red Star" concluded, knew well that the policy of the Government would lead to the conversion of Denmark into a base for imperialist adventures, and "boded no good for the country," Reuter.

Russia's Military Budget

Moscow, Jan. 31. Russia's armed forces budget for 1948 will total 65,943,000,000 rubles (US\$13,188,600,000) slightly less than last year's but funds for a "big scale" scientific research have been increased by seven per cent to an undisclosed total, Finance Minister Arseni Zverev announced today.

(President Truman has requested \$10,746,000,000 for the United States national defence expenditures for the 1948-49 fiscal year but this includes military research).

Zverev told the Supreme Soviet that the total expenditures for the year have been set at 378,900,000,000 rubles (\$75,780,000,000) against an income estimated at 428,000,000,000 rubles (about \$85,600,000,000). The balance between revenue and expenditures would leave a surplus of 40,100,000,000 (about \$8,020,000,000).

The proposed arms expenditure would be 17 per cent of the total budget, Zverev said.

He pointed out that the 1948 military budget was 1,057,000,000 rubles less than last year when it represented 18 per cent of the total.

(The dollar equivalents above are figured at the official rate of 53 rubles to the dollar, making the ruble worth about 20 cents. At the more realistic diplomatic rate the ruble is worth 12.5 cents. It probably will be worth considerably less than either pegged value in open market trading).

(Figured by the diplomatic rate the dollar equivalent of the military budget will be \$3,230,000,000 and of the total budget \$47,362,000,000).

Premier Josef Stalin, wearing the uniform of a Marshal, appeared at the Supreme Soviet session. He seemed to be in excellent health and replied with a smile to the tremendous ovation.

Bright Picture
(Radio Moscow heard in London reported that Zverev painted a bright picture of the Soviet economy, stating that the nation ended 1947 with a budget surplus of 24,000,000,000 rubles or about \$4,800,000,000 at the official rate.)

Zverev asserted that the success of the Soviet national economy in the past year, including the drastic devaluation of the ruble "served as a new living proof of the vital force and might of the Soviet state," Radio Moscow said.

Discussing the military budget, Zverev said the Soviet armed forces had used only 64,494,000,000 rubles of the 67,000,000,000 appropriated last year. He did not indicate whether similar economy is expected this year.—United Press.

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QUEEN WILHELMINA TO BROADCAST

Amsterdam, Jan. 31. Queen Wilhelmina will broadcast on Tuesday at 1730 GMT, giving "a clear picture of relations between the Netherlands and Indonesia," the Government announced today.—Associated Press.

Colonial Franc May Be Devalued

Paris, Jan. 31. The devaluation of the French colonial franc — which was decided at the same time as the devaluation of the metropolitan franc — may be revised following yesterday's meeting of the French Assembly's Overseas Commission.

A delegation was appointed to study in collaboration with the government, the avoidance of undesirable repercussions of the monetary reform in French colonies.

At the same time, draft bills were introduced in the Assembly, one to cancel the devaluation measures for Colonial francs and the second providing for the maintenance of the former dollar rate for Colonial franc.—Reuter

San Francisco, Feb. 1. Ship movements:—"President Taft" departed for Manila; "Mount Rogers" departed Jan. 30 for Yokohama; "Marine Phoenix" for Samoa.—Associated Press.

Unconscious For 43 Days And Nights

London, Jan. 31. For 43 days and nights, 13-year-old Terry Ketchell, a North London choir boy, has lain unconscious in a North Middlesex hospital fighting to survive injuries, which, it was thought, would prove fatal in a few hours.

It was a few days before Christmas when Terry was knocked down by a car near his home in Barber's Close, Winchmore Hill. He was rushed to the hospital and no one there expected him to survive that night.

Since then, breathing slowly and steadily, he was never for a moment regained consciousness. On a spoonful of glucose, and raw eggs, milk and orange juice, he has lost two stone in weight.

All through the 43 days and nights, Terry's father and mother and two sisters — 16-year-old Josephine and 15-year-old Pat — have taken turns to watch for any sign of consciousness.

All of Terry's Christmas presents from his family are still kept in a locker by the side of his bed and his family hope that his first act when he regains consciousness will be to receive them. But last night — as it has been for the 43 days — the report on Terry's condition was "critical."—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 31. The Anglo-Argentine trade talks will be resumed on Monday morning, it was learned from a British Embassy source today.—Reuter.

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ARCTIC AIR

It has been no secret that the United States Air Force has been giving intense attention to the Arctic. So it is not surprising to have it announced that American combat planes can fly anywhere in the Arctic in any season. For some who know the northern wastes this may be hard to believe. One reconnaissance squadron has flown 1,000,000 miles there in the last year, however, so the U.S. Air Force has some experience behind its claim.

But one must wonder why the claim is put forward just now. Is it to influence "a certain country" that lies on the other side of the Arctic? Or is it to reassure anyone—such as wavering nations in Europe—who might be uncertain about American power? Or is it only to win public support for further Air Force experiments in the region?

The U.S. Air Force has two good reasons for its interest in the North. Military planners always draw their charts in relation to potential dangers. Since no other country is in any position to attack the United States, military plans are naturally concerned with defence against, and counterattack upon, Russia. Moreover, the air over the Arctic would be the most direct line of operations in any conceivable conflict with Russia.

The U.S. Air Force does not accept the view of some of the diplomats that war between Russia and the United States would be like war between a tiger and a shark. It believes each country can get at the other very sharply through the air—the Arctic air.

It has been jokingly remarked that the U.S. Air Force is concerned because Russia has 12 big bombers and the United States has only 1,200. This may be unfair. It does not accurately measure comparable forces. And, of course, the U.S. Air Force must keep up a plane-building programme. But in view of the new assurance that American combat planes can operate in the Arctic at any season Americans will want much more evidence on the strength of Russian air power before they crawl into their cave.

100 Years Ago

(From the file of the "China Mail")

The three Chinese condemned to death for piracy at the last Criminal Sessions were hanged at West Point yesterday morning.

They seemed perfectly cool and resigned until placed upon the scaffold, when, in consequence of some gross carelessness, the bolt was found to be either rusty or twisted, so that it would not draw, and the poor wretches were kept standing for more than 20 minutes with the ropes around their necks, during which two of them fainted and had to be supported on the scaffold, until, every other plan having been tried in vain, the feller went off to the Naval Stores and returned with two hammers by means of which, after a deal of labour, the bolt was forced from its socket, and the platform fell.

With whom the blame rests, our authorities are best able to judge, but certainly such neglect ought not to be overlooked, more especially as a similar incident occurred at the execution of the six men in June last.

We have heard it attributed to the old and rickety state of the gallows, and it is very probable that such may be the case, as fears really were entertained by the spectators yesterday

TURMOIL IN TARTARY

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

An ominous point about the break-down of the Big Four Conference is that, apart from partitioned Germany, the British Commonwealth is the only one of the Western Powers which has a common frontier with Russia.

You may well ask where this frontier is. It is in Gilgit Agency, which lies on the southern slope of the Roof of the World at the point where three Empires, the Russian, the Chinese, and the British meet.

It is a far cry from Germany to Tartary, and many may doubt that a quarrel in one could have repercussions in the other. Experience has shown, however, that if Russia is brought to a full stop on one of her frontiers she wastes no time stubbing her toes, but switches pressure in a totally different direction.

After the fiasco over Germany, Scandinavia, Greece, Turkey, Persia, Afghanistan, China might all come up for notice.

Wide Open

Gilgit, 16,000 square miles of wild and incredibly beautiful mountain country to the north of Kashmir, is a push-over. Through the Agency run trade routes from Turkistan to both India and Pakistan.

For this reason, Gilgit has been called the back-door to India, and by an astonishing piece of folly this summer here in Delhi, the back-door has been left wide open.

Politically, Gilgit Agency consists of ten tribal divisions. These tribesmen are handsome, fair-skinned, industrious, and proudly independent.

In the past there has been frequent internecine warfare, but in only one part of the Agency known as Gilgit Sub-Division a tenth of the whole, has the supremacy of the Maharajah of Kashmir ever been acknowledged. The fully of this summer, the Agency to Kashmir. Possibly a mistake was made and Gilgit Sub-Division.

If so, it should never have been cured, for a number of British political officers with great experience of Gilgit had previously given earnest and repeated warnings. These were ignored.

Over The Border

The Gilgits despise the Kashmiris and it is a known and surprising fact that in Gilgit Sub-Division, as in all other of the Maharajah's outlying districts, past Kashmiri administration has been both indolent and corrupt.

Gilgit is not the sort of place where things can be allowed to slide. This fact was realised by the British when, in 1935, we leased Gilgit Sub-Division from the Maharajah for a period of 99 years.

The pressing urgency for this move was that, across the northern border Russians had begun steadily to infiltrate into Sinkiang. Province of Chinese Turkistan.

With Gilgit's northern tribe, the Hunzas, related to southern tribes of Sinkiang, there was every reason to fear that infiltration might continue over the frontier to the south.

With a British political officer controlling Gilgit Sub-Division and exercising paramountcy over the Agency as a whole, things speedily fell into shape.

A force of 600 line fighting men, the Gilgit Scouts, was raised and led by British officers. An airfield was built among Gilgit's rocks and boulders.

The Agency thrived under an era of irrigation schemes and agricultural planning. If suspected infiltrators arrived, as many did, there were efficient ways and means of dealing with them.

The decision of August 15, which meant the recall of British political officers and the handing over of the entire Agency to Kashmir, coincided with a fresh wave of Soviet infiltrators into Sinkiang.

The first wave had receded about the time of Stalingrad, when Russia was forced to press into service every man she could muster.

The present resurgence is aimed at regaining the points held in 1942. It is in such strength that it has become advisable to move the British Consulate in Kashmir back as far as Hunza, in northern Sinkiang.

Not that we have bowed before political pressure; the Russians now threaten to cut the trade routes which gave the Kashmir Consulate its main reason for existence.

The danger in giving Gilgit to Kashmir lies not only in the incompetent administration that can be expected, but in geographical factors.

that it would be dragged to pieces by the hangman, in his desperate though unsuccessful efforts to draw the bolt.

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New Delhi. Gilgit is reached from Srinagar, Kashmir's capital, only by a 14-day march along a precipitous mule-track.

This track is snowbound and impassable from late October until early May. Thus Gilgit is sealed off from both Kashmir and India for five, if not six, months a year.

Valley Of Decision

There is a snow-free route through Chitral and Swat into Pakistan; there is also a snow-free route into Sinkiang.

To the north-west Gilgit is actually divided from Soviet Turkistan by a narrow strip of Afghanistan.

Were this strip—a mountain range, in a land of 20,000ft. high peaks, all might be well. But the strip is nothing of the sort; it is a shallow valley which can be crossed anywhere, at any time of year, in a day's march.

Things might be in a pretty pass in Gilgit today were it not for the presence of two British Army officers, Major William Brown, Commander of the Gilgit Scouts, and his second-in-command, Capt. A. S. Matheson.

On the other side of the Indian Union the Gilgits, who are ninety-nine per cent. Moslem, declared for Pakistan.

In Gilgit Sub-Division the Scouts mutinied and refused to obey the orders of the Indian Governor appointed by the Maharajah. They joined the local inhabitants in moving towards the bazaar with the intention of massacring the 200 odd Hindu and Sikh traders there.

Major Brown not only stepped the Scouts but persuaded them to escort the Indians to a place of safety. He then sent a party of Scouts up the hill to guard the Governor.

The Governor panicked, barricaded himself into his Residency, and fled wild fire on the party. He killed two Scouts and a Hindu cleric who had been sent to reason with him.

Aggravated Major Brown stepped in, brought the Governor to his senses, and had him conducted to the protected camp. He is now safe and sound.

The Governor's victims provided the only blood spilled in Gilgit.

It is absolutely untrue to say that Gilgit has been overrun and occupied by Swati and Chitral

tribesmen. This is a propaganda story invented by Indian newspapers to hide the fact that the Gilgits have risen solidly and spontaneously and declared for Pakistan.

Major Brown, originally owing allegiance to Kashmir, now rules the Agency for Pakistan, with a Pakistan observer to help him. It is one of those strange cases where a man can expect either a high decoration or a court-martial for high treason.

What is to happen now? The Indian theory is that Gilgit can wait till the Kashmir dispute is settled, then the Agency can be reconquered. I have heard this emphasis by both Indian soldiers and by statesmen.

To wait, or to start military drive against Gilgit would not only be unrealistic, it would be madness.

In the first place the Gilgits are a resolute fighting race, and the proverbial two men and a boy could hold the Gilgit-Srinagar mule-track at a dozen points.

In the second, an Indian army excursion into Gilgit would undoubtedly pull in the Pathans of Kohistan to the south, the Swatis and the Chitralis, probably the Afghan tribes, and possibly even volunteers from Sinkiang.

In the opinion of many sober people here, Mr. Atlee should shed his reluctance to interfere in Indo-Pakistan affairs and inform Pandit Nehru that for the security of all involved, and that includes the Commonwealth, Gilgit must be left to Pakistan.

She, unlike India, can at least ensure uninterrupted, all-the-year-round, centrally-guided administration.

The Thin Edge

Mr. Atlee could balance matters by strongly advising Mr. Jinnah that British political officers be re-installed in the Agency.

If things are left in their present state of insecurity and instability we can expect the thin edge of the Soviet wedge to be driven into the Empire.

The ten Gilgit tribes have been knocked off their balance by the events of this year. Nothing would be easier for clever Soviet agents than to set one tribe against another again.

In no time at all there would thus be created the troubled waters in which Russians delight to fish.

PERCIVAL DESPATCHES
FILL IN THE GAPS

London, Jan. 29.
General Percival's Malay dispatch, which will be published in mid-February, will fill in the blanks left in Sir Robert Brooke-Popham's and Gen. Malley's reports, and provide a final crushing answer to the harsh critics of both the Hongkong and Singapore defenders.

An appraisal of the official dispatches thus far confirmed Gen. Archibald Wavell's declaration on March 1942 in New Delhi, "We were not prepared in any aspect for war in the Far East."

The official reports tend to blame the ineffective British intelligence and officialdom's turning a blind eye to Japan's real intentions.

They Knew

I was able to reveal, however, from the highest authority, that the British Government, long prior

to the outbreak of war, was fully cognisant of Japan's ultimate intention to declare war on both Britain and the United States. War was actually expected to commence in 1939 but was thwarted by Germany's non-aggression pact with Russia in August of that year.

Meanwhile, Britain's Far Eastern defences were denuded: 1. The Malaya's Mediterranean threat in 1935 when Italy invaded Abyssinia, 2. With the outbreak of war with Germany in 1939.

The British intelligence reportedly fully aware of Japanese preparations, emphasizing that the Japanese war against China was largely an elaborate camouflage to disguise the real Japanese strength. British intelligence reports covered every aspect of Japanese war preparations, including detailed reports from Yap, Truk, Formosa and Hainan Island.

The British War Office decision was to embark on a campaign of deception aimed at advertising fictitious British strength in the Far East.

"Operation D"

Under "Operation D" (for Deception) Hongkong was evolved into the Gibraltar of the Far East. The impregnability of Singapore was stressed and the arrival of reinforcements was published and magnified throughout the world.

Intelligence personnel and the police Special Branch were reported to have been detailed on fifth column strength long prior to 1941 when an estimated more than 300,000 pro-Japanese Chinese were organized inside Kowloon and Hongkong.

Similar reports were dealt with in Malaya but the British War Cabinet was powerless to counteract and military reinforcements were made impossible by the British reversals in the Mid-East plus commitments to Russia.

The intelligence workers, however, proved that Operation D had effectively diverted the Japanese strength. For example, the Japanese used five divisions to attack Malaya when two could have been ample.

Fictitious

The fictitious "chain of British airfields stretching through Burma, Malaya and Borneo" which was headed in the world press early in 1940 resulted in wide dispersion of the Japanese air strength.

Advertisements of the Eastern fleet's strength similarly caused the Japanese Navy to hesitate.

Gen. Percival's dispatches will reveal some aspects of this operation "D", but the total British effort in the Pacific must remain largely anonymous, unless intelligence personnel are permitted to reveal the full facts which undoubtedly retarded the Japanese military aspirations and probably saved Australia from being overrun by the Japanese food being evicted by the Japanese United States Navy.



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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AVOID THEIR LONG
SUIT

Of all the suits which might be chosen for the opening lead against a high contract at No Trumps, the one to be avoided usually is the longest shown by the declarer or his partner. That is especially so if that suit had been bid by the hand which clearly is the weaker of the two.

A lead of that suit is nearly always the one which the declarer would prefer. Fear about leading away from an honour in some other suit should almost never steer you into starting that which the declarer likes.

S. A. K. Q. 7.5
H. A. J. 10
D. None
C. A. J. 9.8.5

S. J. 9.6.2
H. K. 9.7.2
D. 10.7.5
C. K. 6

S. 8.3
H. 6.4
D. A. K. Q. J. 9.6.4
C. Q. 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 S Pass
2 D Pass 4 C Pass
4 NT Pass 5 S Pass
6 NT

This deal got bid many different ways in the Inaugural Championships in Miami, with practically all of Florida's top-lineers participating. A large share of the pairs got into 6. No Trumps, including some where North curbed his fears as well as those which used the Blackwood convention to learn that North and South held and of the aces.

S. K. J. 10
H. A. Q. 10.5.4.2
D. A. 10.5.2
C. A. 10.5.2

S. 9.7.6.5.3
H. A. Q. 10.3.2
D. None
C. Q. J. 6

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable).
What odds would West be giving that he would set South a trick if he doubled 6-Hearts?

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A. H. K. 9
D. A. 10.9.5.4.2
C. A. 10.5.2

S. K. J. 10
H. A. Q. 10.5.4.2
D. K. J. 6.5
C. K. 3

S. 9.7.6.5.3
H. A. Q. 10.3.2
D. None
C. Q. J. 6

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Washington's Lot Is Not A Happy One

Recent developments in Washington must have appeared chaotic to any new visitor, but at the end of it form and substance have begun to emerge. The Administration's lot has been that of Gilbert's policeman. It has been engaged on three fronts, two of them unhappily domestic.

Abroad it has maintained, its front in the "cold" war, while at home it has been fighting for the European Recovery Programme on a substantial scale and endeavouring to persuade Congress to take effective measures so that rising inflation does not undermine the hope and future of Americans, but also of most people 'this side of the iron curtain.

E.R.P. prospects have been fluctuating like quotations in the active stock market, but the position now is more hopeful than for some time. While it is essential to emphasize that anything can still happen, that anything does now include the possibility of E.R.P. much as the Administration wants it; until very recently that possibility was not in sight.

The most important factor in this welcome change was the testimony of Mr. Foran, Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of War, Mr. Royall. Both are respected on Capitol Hill.

The task of Senator Vandenberg on the Republican side, and Senator Barkley on the Democratic, of swinging the majority in the Senate with them, has been made easier by Mr. Foran's effective talking, though it is still uphill.

Vast Scale

These few men—and in the range of his thinking Senator Vandenberg stands out among them—say that they

In a sizeable number of cases, where South was the declarer, West dithered leading away from his honours in spades, hearts and clubs because he did not want to give the declarer a gratuitous freebie. When a diamond was chosen for that reason, South of course romped home, netting 12 tricks in some cases and all 13 in others.

One declarer was set two tricks, where M. G. Murray, a canny connoisseur, sat in the East with a smart partner opposite him, who decided first of all that a diamond lead would be the most terrible he could contrive. He led the heart 2. Mr. Murray, Q winning the 10. Refusing to aid the declarer, he returned his heart 5. South frantically tried to reach his own hand with a club to the Q, but the K won. Another heart put the dummy back in. When the spades refused to break, West wound up taking a trick in that suit and another in hearts. It gave his pair a terrific top score on the deal.

From FRANK OLIVER

(Sunday Times and Kemeley Newspapers Special Correspondent)

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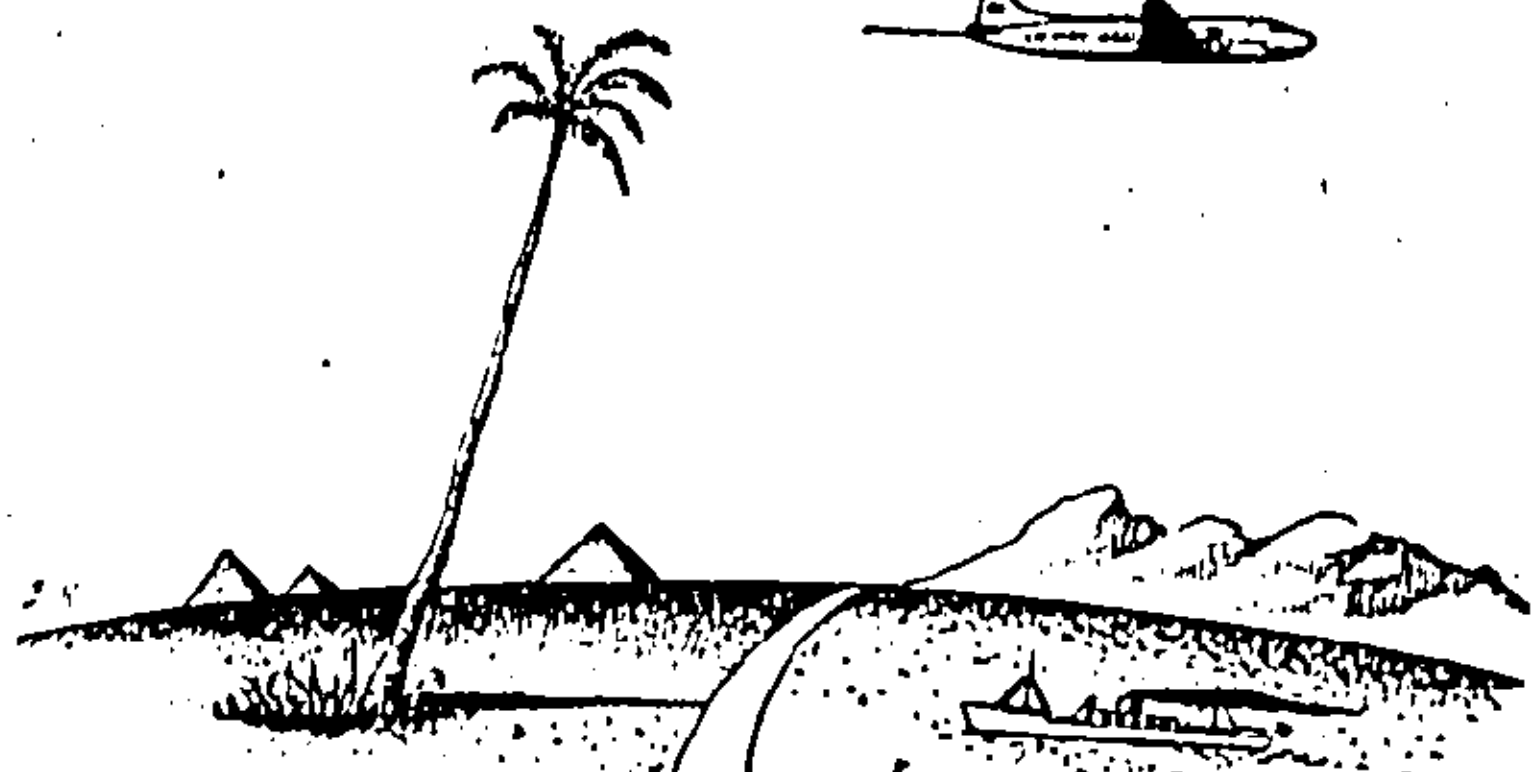
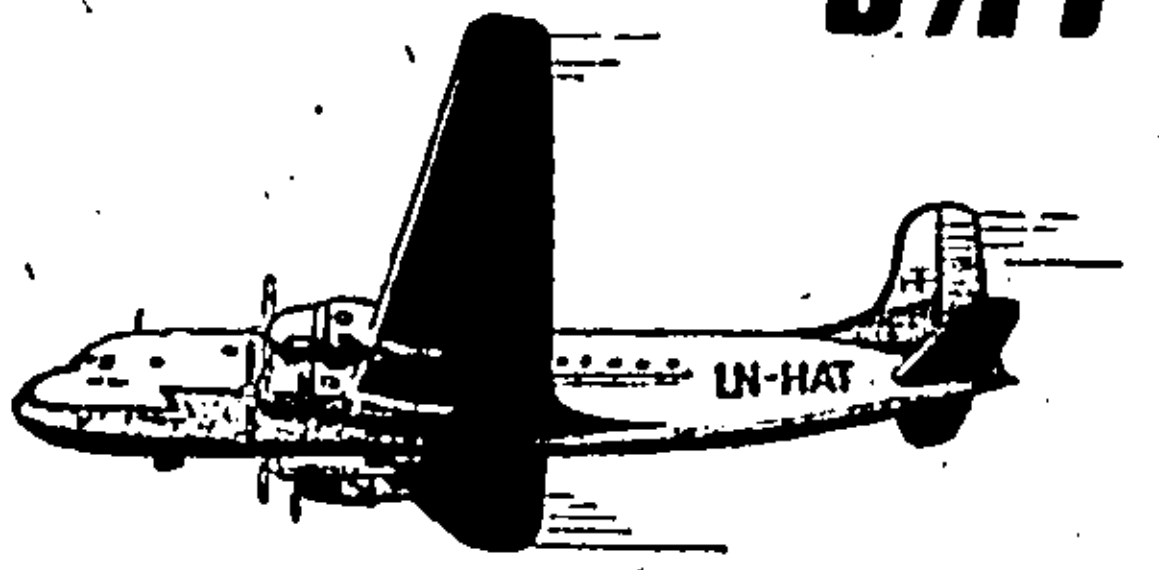
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are dealing not only with sums on a vast scale, but with new conceptions and ideas as startling and new and as large as the sums involved. The United States of Europe has always had an emotional appeal for Americans, and their men see E.R.P. the beginnings of a co-operative Europe and it has touched their imaginations.

Another conception gaining adherents and capturing imaginations, as Legislators asks scores of questions of those testifying, is the idea of creating "a third force" in international affairs to act both as a buffer and balance between Communist Russia and capitalistic America.

It took the present hearings to get a formal statement from the State Department that "European Socialism is a bulwark against the suppression of individual liberties, and that Socialists are among the strongest bulwarks of Europe against Communism."

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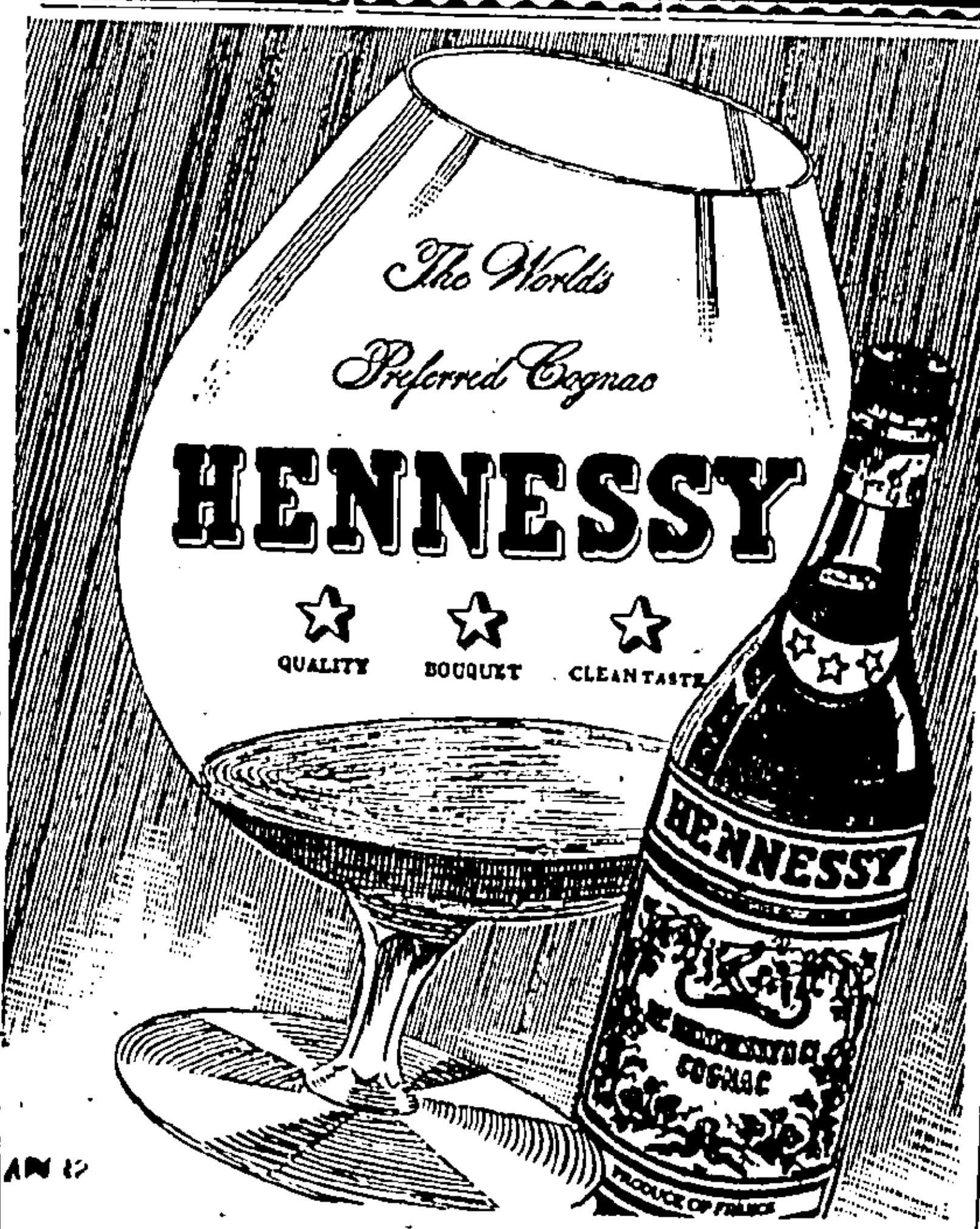
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In Parliament This Week :-

Electoral Reform Scheme

Number Of MPs To Be Reduced If Bill Is Passed By Parliament

Stiff Opposition Expected

London, Jan. 31. Parliamentary constituencies, including the Prime Minister's Limehouse division of London and 12 University seats will vanish under the electoral reform legislation proposed by the Labour Government.

The bulky 189-page bill, entitled "Representation of People Bill," also contains provisions to abolish plural voting in national elections and drastically alter the system by which the nation's banking centre—the City of London—sends its representative to the House of Commons.

If endorsed by Parliament—and the Labour majority can make it defeat impossible—the measure will repeat or amend legislation dating from the time of Richard II.

The bill is expected to meet stiff opposition. Most of its important proposals are contrary to the recommendations of the all-party conference in 1944 which, among other things, voted by a big majority against the abolition of the plural voting system.

One Vote Only

Under this university graduates have one vote—in the division—once in their home town and once in the university ballot. Business men also have votes in their home constituency and in that in which their business is situated.

Under the new scheme each Briton will have one vote—in the division in which he lives.

The City of London's square mile of business offices and banking houses in the heart of Greater London sends two members to Parliament, elected by 12,000 stockbrokers, bankers, merchants and residents.

Under the proposed reform its 4,000 residents will be the only eligible electorate and they will elect only one member.

The overall effect of the redrawing of boundaries and elimination of constituencies will be to reduce from 640 to 608 the number of members of the House of Commons.

The changes will take effect at the next general election if the bill, which will be piloted through Parliament by the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, is passed.—Reuter.

If The Lords Say "NO" This Week

Will the Lords throw out the Parliament Bill, which cuts the peers' veto powers?

If the answer "Yes," the result—short of not-very-probable general election next month—could mean a complete re-creating of Mr. Herbert Morrison's 1948 legislative programme in a unique parliamentary setting.

For all the initiative has passed to that brilliant Cecil, the Marquess of Salisbury, Tory Opposition Leader in the Lords—the only man who can say "Yes" or "No" to the big question.

Peers gave the Bill their first critical analysis in a debate this week. The debate was adjourned at the request of Lord Salisbury, but Lord Addison held out no promise of a change in the views of the Government.

Rejection will bring procedure under the 1911 Parliament Act into force.

By its terms, the present Bill must be passed through all its stages in three sessions in two years. Then it can achieve Acthood even if the peers do say "No" next week. (When the present Bill itself becomes law, all future Bills turned down by the peers will automatically go through in two sessions in one year.)

In Practice

How would the cramming of three sessions into two years instead of three work out in practice if the Lords kill the Bill? Well, let's start by calling the present session, which resumes today Session No. 1.

It began last October. Normally it would last until next August. But next week Mr. Morrison might say, on getting "No" from Lord Salisbury: "We'll stop short in June."

Parliament would then prorogue. The King would open Session No. 2 early in (say) July. About October, after the summer recess, Parliament would prorogue again. Session No. 3 would start next November.

Then, when Session No. 3 ended in July 1949, the Parliament Bill—passed three times by the Commons and turned down by the Lords—would automatically get the Royal Assent.

The Net

All this rigmarole could be avoided in one other way. Mr. Attlee could ask the King to create 700 or 800 Labour Lords, who would outvote the Tory peers. But there is no time left for that.

All unpredictables aside, the Parliament Bill may determine the date of the next general election. For this measure is a fisherman's net in which that most desirable of all Socialist catches, a Steel Nationalisation Bill, is to be trawled on to the Statute Book. And in two sessions in one year, remember that, by December 1949 (assuming it is introduced next November and subsequently passed by the peers).

Barring again the unpredictables, Mr. Attlee's Government will still be in power then. And if the peers fight the Steel Bill, though they cannot stop it, a wave of Socialist fury may sweep the land.

"Wicked Tory peers have dared to obstruct the people's will! Oy, Erb—gen'ralelectshun, quick!" But never mind Labour's Five Years of Power. How will all this affect the present "rump" session—Bill the unpassed Bills shunting around in the Morrison marshalling yard? Among these are:

The knotty Criminal Justice Bill, with all the controversy about banning the death penalty; The Local Government Bill, which will bring squadrons of rating experts to Westminster this next few weeks.

Poverty "Abolished"

The National Assistance Bill, which in the extravagant phraseology of some Socialists "abolishes poverty."

Gas nationalisation, electoral reform, Sir Stafford Cripps's bookies and bogyman Budget, the Finance Bill, and the Marshall Plan, which may need some reciprocal legislation at this end.

Possibly after Easter the Commons will take over from the Lords the long-awaited Children Bill, fruit of the Curtis and Clyde Reports—and of the tragic Denis O'Neill case.

General Dempsey To Be Wed

London, Jan. 31.

General Sir Miles Dempsey, former GOC in Chief of the British Second Army from the invasion of Europe to the defeat of Germany, has become engaged to Miss Viola O'Reilly, daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Percy O'Reilly, of Colamber, Westmeath.

Sir Miles, who was a Brigade Major in 1934, had been in command of two armies when he left the service last July.

Now he is the chairman of the Racecourse Betting Control Board and Director of the Reading brewery company of H and G. Simmonds Ltd.

Sir Miles is a Sussex man from Ilfield. He was well-known as a point-to-point rider before the war and hunting is his hobby.—Reuter.

The Hague, Jan. 31. The Netherlands Press Agency reported from Amsterdam that the 11,000-ton transport "Nieuw Holland," had left today for Indonesia with 1,700 men.—Reuter.

C.I.O. Agin' Them All?

Pittsburgh, Jan. 31. Mr. Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, has declared that his 600,000 strong Labour group is definitely opposed to a third party and is committed to no one in the 1948 Presidential campaign.—Reuter.

Want Their Wages To Be Stretched

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 31. America's 200,000 organised rubber workers are ready to ask for higher wages.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations' United Rubber Workers, nearly half of whose membership is concentrated in this manufacturing centre, emphasise the cost of living as the basis of their new demands.

How much the rubber union will ask will be determined next week. The belief here is that the figure will be close to that decided upon by the CIO United Auto Workers—30 cents an hour increase.—Associated Press.

TRANSJORDAN TREATY TALKS

London, Jan. 31. Tewfik Pasha Abul Huda, Transjordan Prime Minister, and Fawz Pasha Al Molk, Transjordan Foreign Minister, were at the Foreign Office today discussing the revision of the 1946 Anglo-Transjordan treaty with senior British officials.

The talks are expected to continue on Monday. Informed quarters have suggested that a decision on whether the treaty should be revised as a whole, as Transjordan wishes, or whether the revised should be limited to the military annex will be deferred until Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, returns to work next week.—Reuter.

McNutt To Run With Truman?

New York, Jan. 31. Paul V. McNutt said today he would be "proud" to be a running mate to President Harry Truman should he seek election.

McNutt, former Governor of Indiana and Ambassador to the Philippines, also said at a news conference that he is available as a candidate for Democratic national convention delegate from New York.

Asked about his running for the Vice Presidency this year, McNutt said:—

"Nobody knows better than I do that the head man always decides. Mr. Truman is a friend and a buddy of mine and if the boss asks me to run with him, I will accept."

McNutt has just been elected a director of the United States Life Insurance Company of New York.

Last autumn McNutt became chairman of the Board of the Philippine Insurance Firm of the same name which is associated with the New York company.

McNutt recently formed a law partnership with two New York and two Washington attorneys with offices in both cities. Offices operate under McNutt's name.—Associated Press.

Budapest, Jan. 31.

The Hungarian political police today reported the arrest of six persons who had tried to form an organisation to help Right-wing politicians to escape abroad. The group had planned to steal an aeroplane from the Russian-Hungarian airlines and fly to the British or American zones in Austria or Germany, it was stated.—Reuter.

MR. ATTLEE EXPRESSES PROFOUND HORROR

London, Jan. 30. "Everyone will have learnt with profound horror of the brutal murder of Mr. Gandhi. 'I know that I am expressing the views of the British people in offering to his fellow countrymen our deep sympathy in the loss of their greatest citizen,' said Mr. Attlee in a broadcast tonight.

"Mahatma Gandhi, as he was known in India, was one of the outstanding figures in the world today, but he seemed to belong to a different period of history.

"Living a life of extreme asceticism, he was revered as a divinely inspired saint by millions of his fellow countrymen. His influence extended beyond the range of his co-religionists and, in a country deeply riven by communal dissension, he had an appeal for all Indians.

"For a quarter of a century, this man has been the major factor in every consideration of the Indian problem. He had become the expression of the aspirations of the Indian people for independence, but he was not just a Nationalist. "He represented, it is true, the opposition of the Indians to being ruled by another race, but also expressed a revulsion of the East against the West. He himself was in revolt against Western materialism and sought for a return to a simple state of society.

"His most distinctive doctrine was that of non-violence, he believed in a method of passive resistance to those forces which he considered 'wrong.'

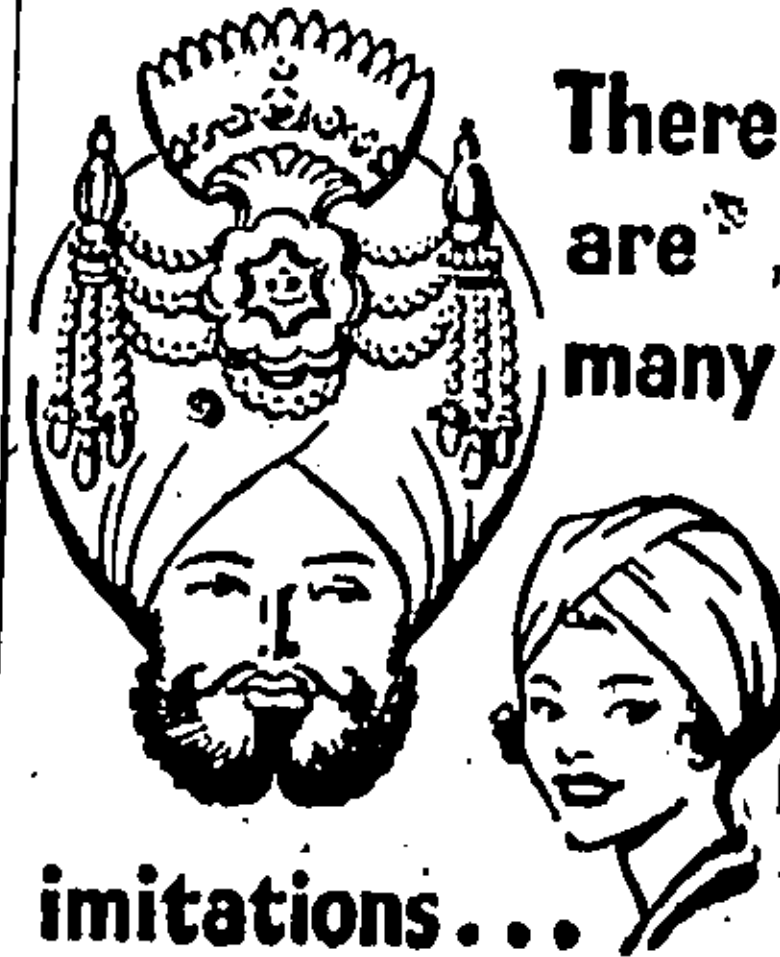
"He opposed those who sought to achieve their ends by violence and when, as too often happened, his campaigns for Indian freedom resulted in loss of life owing to the undisciplined action of those who professed to follow him, he was deeply grieved.

Sincerity, Devotion

"The sincerity and devotion with which he pursued his objectives are beyond all doubt.

"In the latter months of his life, when communal strife was marred by the freedom which India had obtained, his threat to fast-to-death resulted in the cessation of violence in Bengal and again recently brought about a change in the atmosphere.

"He had besides a hatred of injustice and strove earnestly on behalf of the poor, especially of the oppressed classes in India. "The hands of the murderer have struck him down and a voice which



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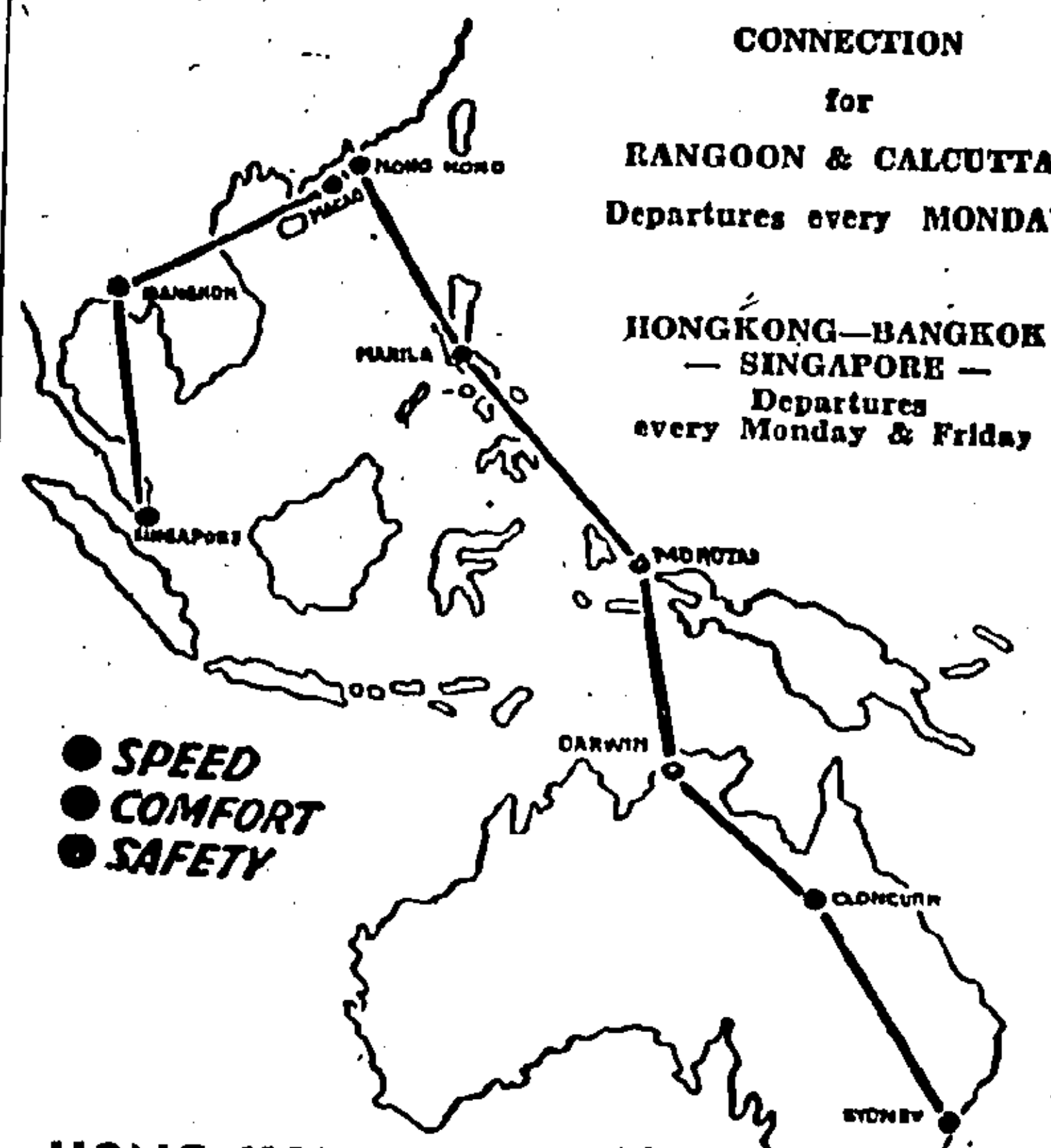
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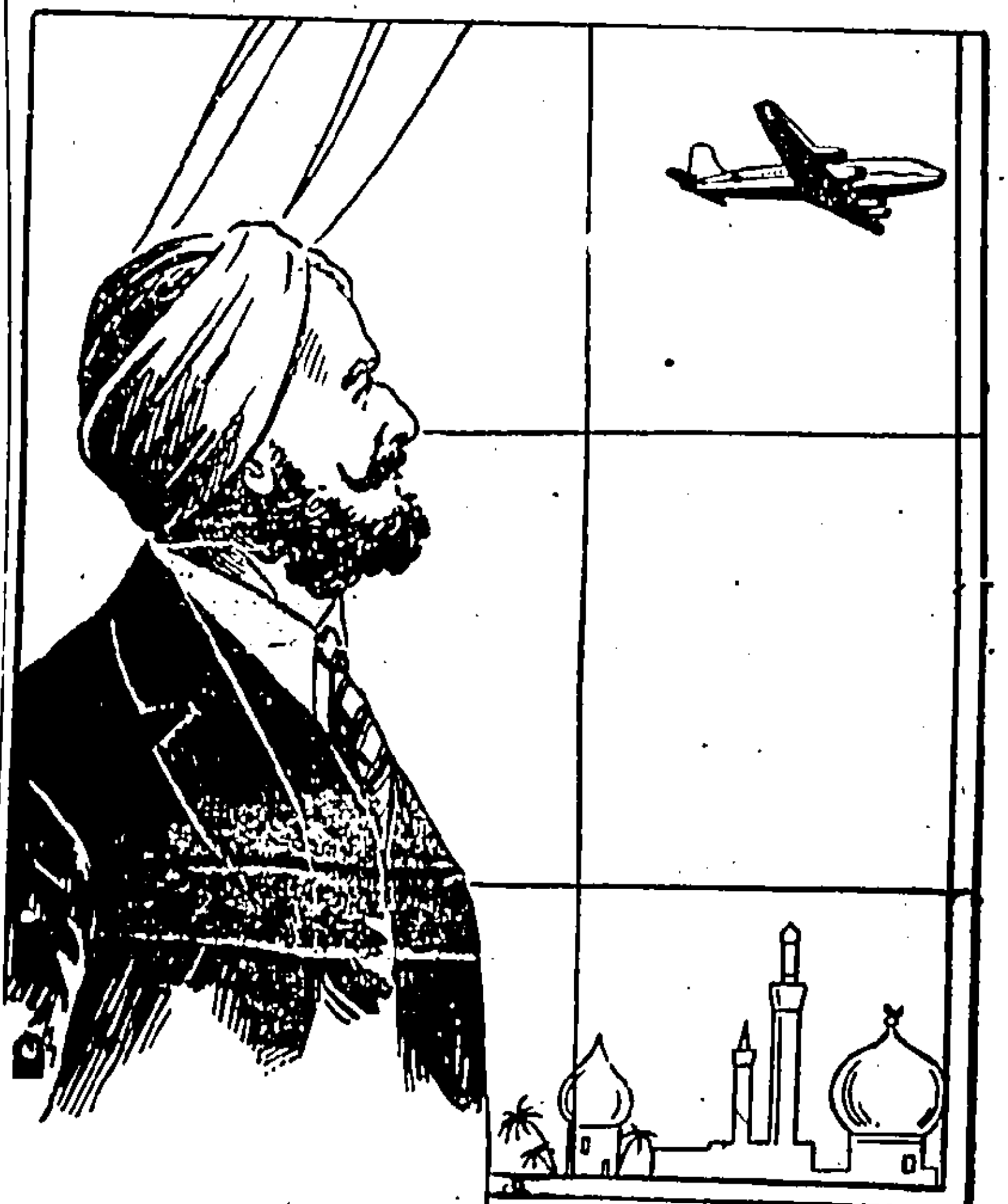
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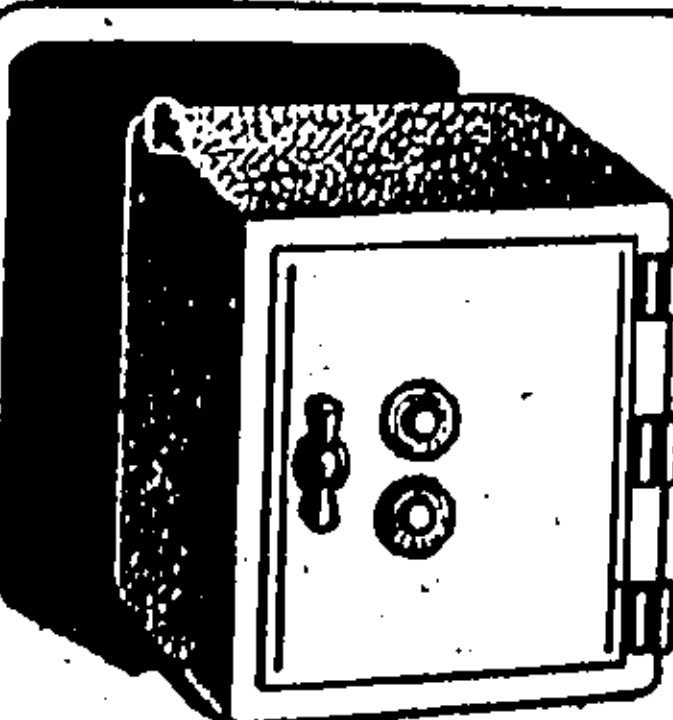
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W. GERMANY FOOD STRIKES Hunger Making Heads Dizzy In The Ruhr Stuttgart Leaders Shouted Down

Frankfurt, Jan. 31.
The decision by the Wurttemberg-Baden trade unions to call a 24-hour general strike next Tuesday may be the opening move for a second wave of food strikes in Western Germany, reports reaching Bizonal Trade Union headquarters here indicate.

The next danger point is believed to be the state of Lower Saxony, in the British Zone, where the bread ration has been cut by a Bizonal order because the State Government distributed more home-grown potatoes than allowed and therefore failed to deliver its full quota to the Ruhr.

The strike agitation, directed against the bread cut, coincides with last Tuesday's resignation of the Communist Minister of Labour, Herr Karl Abel, and the Communist campaign against the Social Democrat Premier, Herr Heinrich Wilhelm Kopf, accused by the Polish Government as a "war criminal."

The most disturbing aspects of these new movements are that, contrary to last week's Bavarian general strike, the initiative does not lie with the trade union leaders and they are directed more against an attempt at a Bizonal levelling of the food rations than the failure of particular State Governments.

At a mass meeting of Stuttgart shop stewards which decided to call Tuesday's strike, leaders who argued against the strike were shouted down and the General Secretary, Herr Kleinknecht, was prevented from finishing his winding-up speech.

The argument that a local fat ration cut was necessary to feed even more hungry Ruhr workers was powerless in a situation where, as the "Stuttgarter Nachrichten" puts it, "hunger is making heads dizzy."

Rumours

Responsible union leaders find it impossible to convince the workers that no more fat could be brought in quickly even if the Allies did authorise its purchase.

Every rumour about stocks available in neighbouring countries is eagerly lapped up. The proof of the interest with which Communist leaders are following the West German strikes can be found in a new pro-

posed by Eastern Zone trade unions. They have suggested that their Western colleagues agree to a discussion of the strikes at an interzonal trade union conference in Dresden, in the Soviet Zone, next Tuesday, adding that they "would like to give them any possible aid and advice in their difficulties."—Reuter.

Not Joining In

Duesseldorf, Jan. 31.
Civil servants in the province of North Rhine Westphalia, which includes the Ruhr, decided tonight not to join in the food protest strike of the "white collar" workers which has been scheduled throughout the British Zone of Germany for Tuesday.

The British Zone clerical workers strike was decided upon by a 90-per cent majority in a zone-wide ballot on Thursday and Friday.

The strike, which is estimated would affect 1,800,000 workers, was to be in favour of equal rations for all.—Reuter.

U.S. Treaty With Italy

Rome, Jan. 31.
The Foreign Office reported today that Italy and the United States will sign a treaty of friendship, trade and navigation next Monday.

It will be the first treaty signed by the United States with any European country since the war and the first signed by Italy since Fascism.—United Press.

French Banks Did Not Open

Paris, Jan. 31.
The Ministry of Finance announced today that banks will not open on Sunday—in spite of the original order that they would—to deal with the rush to deposit 5,000 franc notes, now illegal.

Black-marketiers were reported to be taking every conceivable measure to save themselves and their money. Banks were open today to allow Government departments, insurance companies, finance companies, nationalised industries and certain other "unquestionable" categories to change their notes.

On Monday, private persons and private companies will be able to deposit their notes.—Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 31.

France and Czechoslovakia decided today to prolong their trade agreement of July, 1946, until April 1 this year, by which time they hope to conclude an agreement materially increasing trade exchanges between the two countries.—Reuter.

A Self-Imposed Austerity

Paris, Saturday.
So many unlikely things could happen only in Paris that the current visage of this bewitching capital is almost plumb in the additional line.

As the shouts of "Bonnes Annees" fade in the distance, people in Paris this year are knocking down to some really tough austerity.

Only, with a slight Parisian touch of unreality, it is a backhanded kind of austerity in the midst of a chocolate cream, silk plush and champagne luxury.

It is an austerity self-imposed. Because people are finding it harder and harder to hold on the crazy price spiral. Take eggs, for instance. Any day of the week you can eat a four-egg omelette for breakfast drink a fresh egg nog at mid-day, get the wife to make a six-egg pudding at lunch-time, egg on toast for tea and any number of palate-tickling egg hors-d'oeuvres for dinner.

All you need are the francs. One egg costs 1s. 6d. in the black market.

Six-Course Lunch

In the fabulous silk-and-soft-lights restaurants they will serve you the best six-course, caviare and roast-duck lunch to be had this side of Washington or Moscow's Grand Hotel.

The famous jewellers in the Rue de la Paix still glitter with so many massive gold cigarette cases and diamond brooches that the street looks like a slightly over-dressed version of a Royal Wedding present display.

Only, nowadays the head waiters are opening frowns and fewer ties of caviare to fewer and fewer customers.

It is reliably reported that the carpeted jewellers are increasingly having to survive on the once-a-year custom of Brazilian millionaires.

For this Paris is still a city where, although there are always some people mysteriously wealthy enough for the plush-and-champagne level, you can also find families who have to live on vegetables and not much else and students who have so little that during the holiday recesses they do their studying in bed to keep warm.

And the Parisian bourgeois, the middle class, who cling to the old traditions perhaps harder than anybody, are tightening family belts as fast as they can—because they are usually the people hit most severely. True, many things are better than this time last year. More potatoes and all other vegetables

are unrationed, and clothing is on free sale everywhere.

In 1948, too, they will de-ratify wine—a great boon to French people.

But the one piece of knowledge haunting the Parisian is that, in spite of everything successive Governments have been able to do, prices have just gone on soaring dizzily.

That includes the prices of almost everything—food, clothes, gas, electricity, transport and coal.

As a Parisian housewife said today, "It's not much consolation seeing things on free sale if you can't pay the price they're marked."

Adroitly hitting this national talking point on the head, some Paris papers have been coming out with illustrated extracts of old issues showing what prices used to be. A suit for 34 francs in 1908; in 1939, 1,200 francs; now 18,000 francs. A meal for one person with wine for 12 francs just before the war. Now, for the same meal, 500 francs. Plenty of people earn only 10,000 francs a month.

But with all this Paris is like nowhere else on earth—and you wouldn't find many true Parisians who would change their home town willingly.

Still Gay Paree

If the Paris telephone system is still as maddeningly inefficient as ever, yet you can still see more chic women to the square boulevard than anywhere else.

The new twenty-year-old Miss France they have just elected here could give points to any 200 Hollywood glamour girls—and then some.

If the Metro, as they call the underground railway, is 30 years out of date and the city bus service a crying scandal, you can still see brilliant performances of "Mollere, Shkneapere and Rostand for a song, and in crowded art galleries, bookshops and museums catch the enthusiasm of quite ordinary people for beautiful and noble things.

If a little of the old pre-war class has gone out of the chorus girls' kicks at the Folies Bergeres—though the melodrama is just as bloodthirsty at the Grand Guignol—you can still watch the haunting change of grey, half-misty lights along the quays of the Seine by the Pont Neuf.

Gay Paree meant—and means—more than Montmartre, night clubs and the casinos at the Bal Tabarin. It meant the whole atmosphere of this city.

Russia Has A Million POW At Work

Washington, Jan. 31.
Russia has still some 1,000,000 prisoners of World War II working as forced labour, a survey of official figures indicated today.

The estimate is based on the fact that Soviet Union reported to the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers last March that it still held 890,000 Germans. Estimates of the number of Japanese held by the Russians range upward from 500,000.

The United States, Britain, Russia and France agreed in Moscow in March 1947 to repatriate all German prisoners of war held by the end of 1948.

The question of the Japanese prisoners of war has never been discussed by the Big Four. But the United States has returned all of its prisoners, both German and Japanese, except those held for war crimes trials.

Britain has given assurance that it will easily make the deadline for German repatriation.

Major Operation

France was reported by the State Department to be still holding 301,400 Germans on January 1 with prospects of barely squeezing under the deadline.

Russia has not submitted any figures in the March meeting but it would be a major operation to repatriate 890,000 Germans in the allotted time to say nothing of the slow rate which Japanese have been returned.—United Press.

Firm Rome Reply To Moscow

Rome, Jan. 31.
A spokesman of the Italian Foreign office said today that the Italian Ambassador in Moscow had been instructed to inform the Soviet Government that the visits of United States ships to Italian ports—the subject of a Soviet protest to Washington on Wednesday—followed authorisations granted by the Italian Government.

"These visits follow previous applications through diplomatic channels, which were authorised by Italy as a sovereign state," the spokesman declared. "It is the exclusive competency of Italy to decide if any protest is justified. The naval vessels of any other nation would be equally welcomed by the Italian Government."

The Soviet note, said the spokesman, said that the stay of American naval vessels at Naples, Taranto, Leghorn, Genoa and other Italian ports was contrary to the Italian peace treaty.—Reuter.

Deadline For Air To Refugees

Geneva, Jan. 31.

The Preparatory Commission of the United Nations International Refugee Organisation today ended its conference here, during which it was decided to recommend tomorrow as the deadline, after which new refugees would not be eligible for care and re-settlement by the Agency.

This order was proposed because of the Agency's financial difficulties arising from the constant stream of new refugees.

Thirteen countries, including Britain, France, China and the United States, attended the conference, which approved a £68,500,000 budget for refugee relief in the two years ending June, 1949, and decided to approach all individually interested Governments to find out what "fair share" of the refugees they would be willing to receive.—Reuter.

St. Johns, Jan. 31.

Fire has destroyed the Labrador settlement or Makkovik, south of Hopedale. First reports indicated that the Moravian mission and another building were totally destroyed, wiping out practically the entire habitation in the settlement, which is a small fishing centre.—Reuter.

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Through numbers (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers 1st floor Exchange Building, all tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$2.00) on the last race.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and the ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

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The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Clubhouse, provided they are order in advance from the No. 1 (Tel. 27818).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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CURE FOR CANCER FOUND?

Australian's Claim To Be Officially Investigated

Growths Cured By New Method

Sydney, Feb. 1.

The New South Wales Government announces it will investigate the claims of John Braund to have a cure for cancer. The announcement came soon after E. J. Hallstrom, a philanthropist, offered Braund US\$64,000 to establish a cancer clinic in Sydney.

Braund, a 79-year-old Englishman, claims he has been treating cancer for 50 years and striving for recognition all that time. He is not a medical doctor. In an interview, he said he was willing to share his secret method of treatment with the world.

Several Sydney people declare Braund saved them after doctors had pronounced them incurable. A Sydney cancer specialist who watched Braund remove growths from a woman's back yesterday told a reporter the growths could not have been treated by orthodox surgical methods.

Braund said his treatment of cancer and other growths is done along these lines:

Treatment

The patient's bloodstream is "purified" and circulation throughout the body is "equalized." An operation is made "at the root of the cancer," which kills the growth. The cancer "shrinks away from the flesh" and breaks through the skin. The cancer is lifted out with forceps and the wound is dressed and left to heal.

Somewhere in the treatment there is another stage, the Englishman said, "but that is a secret—the greatest secret in the world," Associated Press.

Drug Surgery

New York, Feb. 1.
The John Braund cancer treatment comes at a time when many medical men believe they are on the verge of something new.

Braund offered his treatment to the Government for change, after patients said he had cured them. Braund used a drug, which he says puts the cancer in condition to be removed easily and completely. The drug is at present a secret.

The new hope of the medical profession is shown by a number of new but unproved cancer experiments now under way in the United States. All use drugs instead of the surgery and X-ray which definitely cure many early cancers.

These experiments are under cover because the theory is not sure. The fear is that if trials are reported too soon, many patients who could be cured by surgery and radiation will lose that chance for life, and may die anyhow.

Folic Acid

One of the new drugs is folic acid, the vitamin which cures various kinds of anemia. The case was reported at the St. Louis International Cancer Meeting last autumn, where a man with a presumably incurable cancer had made a remarkable come back. But it was not known whether his improvement was more than temporary.

Another so-called new treatment is a form of sugar, a physio-chemical, from a substance known as Coley's fluid. This fluid was tried

many years ago but abandoned because it did not work well enough. The sugar also was found and proved to reduce the size of cancers but to fail to cure them. This sugar is again being tried in different ways. A Sydney extract was reported in Germany to be possibly useful for cancer treatment. This extract is an other of the so-called new substances for cancer experiments. It is now under trial in a different way in the United States.

Drug surgery removals similar to Braund's have been tried in the United States for years by using various drugs long known to reduce the size of cancers. This reduction treatment is still under experiment, and with more than one kind of cancer reduced.

Tissues Killed

One American cancer treatment on this same principle that is now under cover was developed by Eugene E. Mohr, M.D., of the University of Wisconsin. He uses a chemical that kills tissues but that fixes them, so that they still can be identified on a microscope. In this way, he removed a cancer, but he left the chemical process enables him to see exactly how far the cancer has spread and to stop when it is all gone.

Series of alleged cancer cures are reported to the medical profession annually. In addition there are occasional treatments that obviously help at least some cancers temporarily. So far, none of the temporary treatments have been adopted because the benefits are said to be small compared with the risks.

A few treatments have been sold widely in the United States, despite protests of the medical profession that the alleged cures were no good. A few men have made sizeable fortunes from such "cancer cures," Associated Press.

CNAC Has Difficulty With Generals

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

A China National Aviation Corporation official newly arrived from Manchuria said that the people in Mukden are "scrambling for air passages in a frenzy of excitement."

In the booking of tickets and checking of luggage for flights, it is impossible to maintain order, he said.

As an example, one day a military officer of rank of general and four companions forced themselves onto an already fully loaded plane, threatening to shoot the CNAC officers at the air station if they tried to interfere. CNAC let them board the plane but took off the mail.

Cause Of Crash

CNAC, explaining the cause of a recent aircraft crash at Mukden which resulted in the death of 10 passengers, said it was partly to be blamed on a lack of control. They were unable to maintain order even on board the plane. When the transport took off, the passengers moved about, many going to the rear against the orders of the crew. The balance weight consequently was disturbed and takeoff difficult.

The plane was equipped with a system of electric wiring serviceable in warm climates but not in bitter cold.

U.N.O. Report Blames Albania

Athens, Jan. 31.

It was "extremely probable" the guerrillas in Greece received "active support" in the form of artillery fire from Albanian territory during their Christmas Eve attack on Koniza, the United Nations Balkans Committee statement issued here tonight said.

The Committee also found that large ammunition consumption noticed by Committee observers was "out of proportion with the transport which the guerrillas might normally be expected to dispose of, especially in mountainous country."

The Committee did not agree, however, with the observers' opinion that medical posts were established, equipped and staffed by foreign countries beyond the frontiers of Greece to administer to the wounded guerrillas.—Reuter

since they resorted to surgery because of an absence. It is impossible to tell whether a third operation may be necessary, but it is considered her chances of recovery are better now than before.—United Press.

Barbara Hutton Gravely Ill

Berne, Feb. 1.

Princess Barbara Hutton Troubetzkoy, 35, gravely ill since an abdominal operation a week ago, today underwent a second but minor operation, officials at the hospital said today.

The Woolworth heiress' condition has shown improvement

Spanish Border May Re-Open This Week

Paris, Jan. 31.

The Franco-Spanish frontier is expected in usually well-informed French circles to be reopened within the next fortnight. An official announcement is likely to be issued during the coming week. This development follows semi-official talks in Madrid at which it is understood, both sides fully agreed on the desirability of a change in French-Spanish relations.

The Madrid talks were conducted on the French side by the Popular Republican deputy, M. Pierre de Chevigne, who will shortly take up his appointment as Governor General of Madagascar.

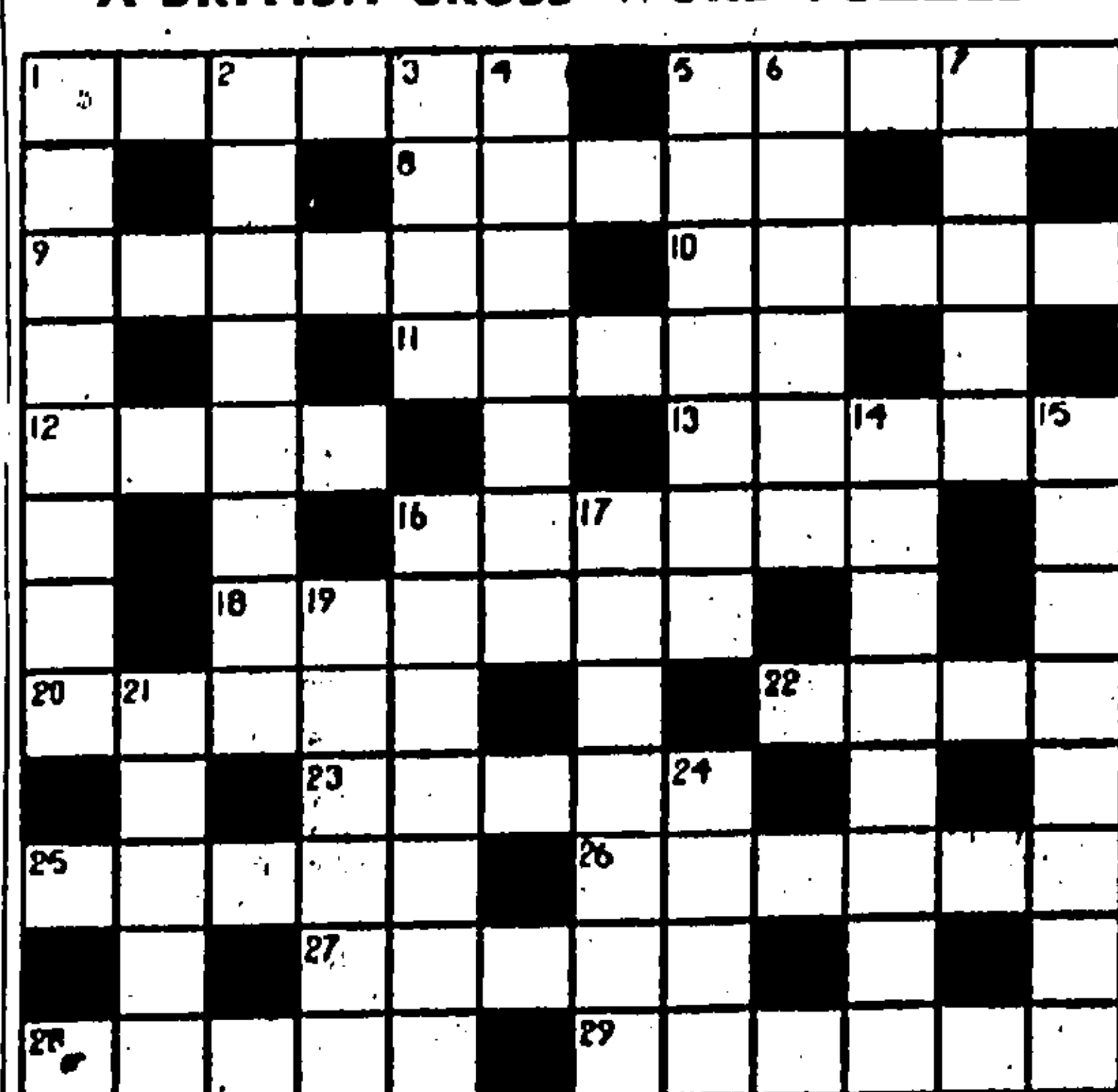
Before the frontier is fully reopened for persons and merchandise, a new commercial treaty between France and Spain is expected to be negotiated as the French consider the old treaty void.

The French will probably insist on Spain delivering more basic materials such as phosphates and less semi-luxury goods such as oranges.

As reported in Paris, the Spanish Government paid particular attention to a recent statement of the American Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, that nothing in the American aid to Europe excluded any country from sharing in this aid.

The re-establishment of normal diplomatic relations with France, it is hoped in Madrid, will bring a step nearer the possibility of Spain also receiving American help.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Habit.
- Ties up.
- Hesitate.
- Thin covering.
- Part of a church.
- Pain acutely.
- Regretted.
- Flat plates.
- Obvious.
- Vault.
- Foolish.
- Birds.
- Extinction.
- Mountain lakes.
- Passport endorsements.
- Coloured slightly.
- Belief.
- Requested.
- Protect.

Clues Down

- Hiding.
- Judgment.
- In debt.
- Warlike.
- Wander about.
- Source.
- Souvenir.
- Wrestle with.
- Cast ashore.
- Gratified.
- Impure.
- Property.
- Sends out.
- Situation.

19 Rent, 20 Lesson, 24 Amuse, 25 Cling, 26 Thug, 27 Theme, 28 Enters.

Saturday's Crossword

Across—1 Desire, 3 Infer, 4 Oxen, 9 Zenith, 11 Tares, 12 Remote, 14 Fox, 16 Binge, 18 Alone.

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"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

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"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	3rd Mar.
"DILVARA"	Kure	4th Mar.
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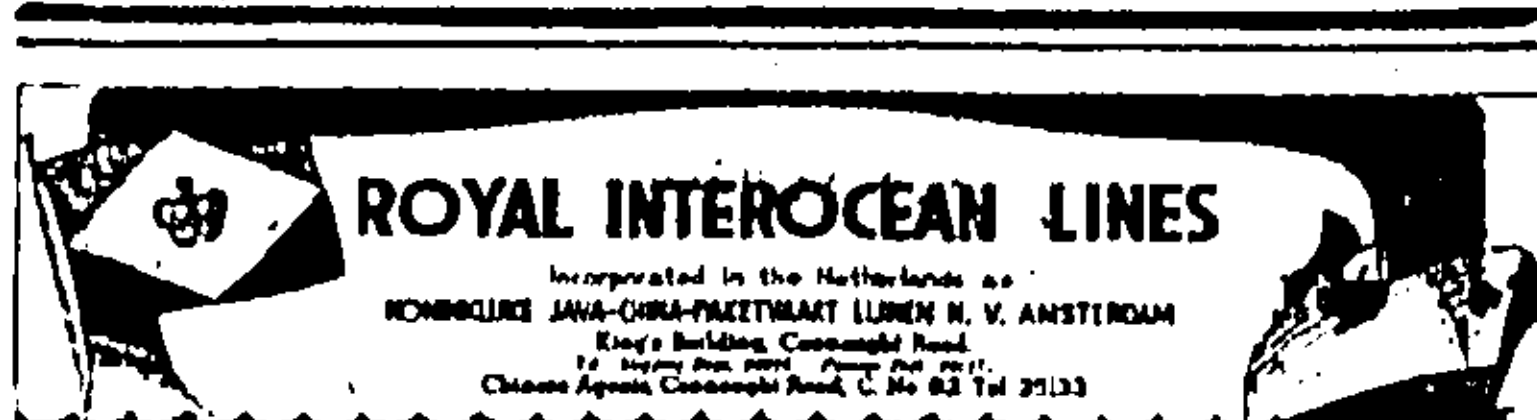
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Roger the Raven had thrown Whisk into the lake. As he sank Whisk wondered why Snow the Crow had not been able to get back in time to save him from Roger. Then something happened.

Whisk realised he was being lifted. Up, up he went. He had got over being frightened now and opened his eyes and found he was sitting on the back of a very old friend.



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		Macassar	
		4th Feb.	
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	Javaports &	Batavia, Semarang,	
	Macassar	Soerabaya &	
	13th Feb.	Macassar	
	Sailing for	17th Feb.	
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	1st Feb.		
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"HEINRICHSJESSEN"	Due from	Sailing for	
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	Penang &	Belawan Deli	
	Singapore	12th Feb.	
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	Amsterdam/Hamburg/		
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	Singapore and Suez,		

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on or about	Colombo/Suez/		
24th Feb.	Port Said/		
	Alexandria,		
	Genoa/Marseilles/		
	Antwerp/Rotterdam/		
	Amsterdam/Hamburg/		
	Copenhagen/		
	Gothenburg/Oslo		
	on or about		
	24th Feb.		

"MEERKERK" Europe,	Manila/Singapore/		
3rd Feb.	Colombo/Suez/		
	Port Said/		
	Alexandria,		
	Genoa/Marseilles/		
	Antwerp/Rotterdam/		
	Amsterdam/Hamburg/		
	Copenhagen/		
	Gothenburg/Oslo		
	early March.		

"MEERKERK" Europe,	Manila/Singapore/		
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	Port Said/		
	Alexandria,		
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Atlantic Coast	Mid. Feb.	m.v. "MINDORO"	
Los Angeles			

ARRIVALS			
From	Date	Vessel	
Atlantic Coast	16th Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"	
Los Angeles	Early March	m.v. "TONGHAI"	

SAILINGS			
For	Date	Vessel	
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ASSISTANCE NEEDED THIS WEEK ON MONEY MART

London, Jan. 31. In the London money market throughout the week, both direct and indirect assistance had been necessary. Most days recorded the absence of Treasury bill maturities, thus making for an acute shortage of credit.

Even when the position was temporarily eased by some maturities on Wednesday, making for greater willingness to lend, market houses still experienced considerable difficulty in satisfying their needs and only just managed to avoid assistance.

The usual Thursday revenue payments were this week substantial whilst further payments had to be made on Friday, and once again the authorities were called upon to assist in order that the banks could be balanced.

Business on the discount market remained on a moderate basis throughout the week.

The Bank of England returned a further reduction in active note circulation of 410,000,000. Reserve in the banking department is now 1,131,000,000 which would portend another cut in monetary issue. Applications for 1,150,000,000 Treasury bills totalled 2,282,705,000 of which 1,150,000,000 were allotted at the average rate of 9 shillings 11.56 pence.—Reuter.

Lebanese Pound Rate Fixed

Beirut, Jan. 31. Lebanon has decided to sign an agreement with France guaranteeing a rate of 97 French francs to the Lebanese pound, which thus maintains its official rate of 883 piastres to the sterling and 219 piastres to the dollar.

The Lebanese decision followed a deadlock in the currency talks between France, Syria and Lebanon, which have resulted in Syria breaking away from the French franc, while Lebanon chose to renew her undertakings.

As far as the present Lebanese decisions allow, the economic relations between Lebanon and Syria will remain unchanged and common services will function normally.—Reuter.

LONDON PRESS ON MAHATMA'S DEATH

London, Jan. 30. In London, the evening papers tonight splashed the news of Mr. Gandhi's death in columns of frontpage stories and pictures, topped by huge banner headlines. All carried lengthy biographies and tributes from leading world personalities, as well as marking the Mahatma's tragic death in their editorials.

Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" compared Mr. Gandhi's death to that of President Roosevelt in the closing stages of the war.

"His murder strikes India a most grievous blow at this crucial moment in her troubled history. The Indian races are already in turmoil. Bereft of this great statesman's moderating influence, who can tell what horrors await India? Teeming millions? The British people earnestly trust that the extremists will pause aghast at the unreal spectacle of the carnage that might now ensue."

"The Star," which devoted seven and a half full news columns to Mr. Gandhi, declared: "Free peoples the world over will today bow their heads in deep sorrow and humility at the news that Mahatma Gandhi, a saint who could bring millions to peace by his unique moral strength, has died by an assassin's bullet."

"His wonderful life has been ended by a terrible incident."

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Closing stock quotations: Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 7 1/2, American Smelting 10 1/2, American Telephone 16 1/2, American Tobacco 6 1/2, American Water Works 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 3 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 1 1/2, Barnard 3 1/2, Bendis Aviation 2 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 27 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 24 1/2, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J.I. Case 4 1/2, Chrysler 6 1/2, Colgate 4 1/2, Commercial Union 2 1/2, Dayton 10 1/2, Eastman Kodak 25 1/2, Electric Light & Power 16 1/2, General Electric 34 1/2, General Motors 5 1/2, Goodyear 4 1/2, Homestake Mining 32, International Harvester 29 1/2, International Paper 50, International Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2, Johns-Manville 38, Kennecott Copper 46, Montgomery Ward 52 1/2, National Distillers 10 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 19 1/2, Radio Corp. 38 1/2, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2, Schley 20, Sears Roebuck 31 1/2, Shell Oil 35, Sweeney Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 4 1/2, Standard Brands 25 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 60 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 72 1/2, Studebaker 19 1/2, Union Bag 31 1/2, Union Carbide 90 1/2, U.S. Fidelity 42 1/2, U.S. Steel 70 1/2, U.S. Lines 20 1/2, Westinghouse 29 1/2, Young & Rubicam 20 1/2, Tube 73 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12.—Associated Press.

UNO Wants Money For Children

Lake Success, Jan. 31. The United Nations today launched its fund-raising campaign to aid "children who are suffering as a direct result of war devastation." In a recorded message broadcast to every part of the world, Secretary General Trygve Lie called for citizens of all countries to make a voluntary contribution of one day's pay or some similar amount. The collections will be used mainly to supplement sums already contributed by governments to the International Children's Emergency Fund.

Lie, who is now in Europe, designated February 29 as "United Nations appeal for Children Day" and said: "It is my hope that this symbolic day will serve to concentrate attention upon the great human problem with which we are dealing and will inspire people everywhere to make the appeal an overwhelming success."

The appeal was approved by the UN Economic and Social Council almost a year ago after it had become apparent that funds contributed by governments would not be enough to meet needs. Since that time preparations have been made for the world-wide fund raising campaign. By the end of 1948, the funds are expected to reach US\$80,000,000.

Pope Pius recently commended the fund on the work it is doing in aiding 3,500,000 needy children in 12 European countries. So far, the fund has allocated US\$16,238,000 to Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Rumania, and Yugoslavia.

An additional US\$3,500,000 has been allocated to China. The food is distributed through schools, nurseries, hospital, orphan asylums and clinics. Chief contributor so far has been the United States government, which gave US\$15,000,000.—Associated Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 31. An explosion shook Crequillo, Sao Paulo State, killing four people and injuring more than 50 when a truck loaded with dynamite blew up at the railway station today.—Reuter.

FREE MARKET IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Santiago, Jan. 31. The International Monetary Fund has agreed to the establishment of a free market in foreign exchange in Chile, it was reliably learned here today.

About half the exchange carried by Chilean exports will be sold on the free market and the remainder will continue to be sold at the official rate of 31 pesos to the dollar.

Official statements will be issued simultaneously later today by the Chilean Government and the International Monetary Fund.—Reuter.

NEW CATHOLIC BISHOP

Shanghai, Feb. 1. The Catholic Central Bureau here announced today that Pope Pius XII has appointed the most Reverend Peter Wang, 44-year-old native of Yuhshien, in Southern Chahar province, as Bishop of Suaihua.

His appointment brings the total of Chinese Roman Catholic bishops in China to 22.—Reuter.

Paris Free Market Today

Paris, Jan. 31. The free market in dollars and Portuguese escudos will commence in Paris on Monday, it was semi-officially stated here today.

The market, which will be installed in the premises of the Paris Bourse, will open at 12.45 (GMT) and close at 13.30 (GMT). Transactions will be exclusively on a cash basis and prices quoted will be those of telegraphic transfers.

It was also stated semi-officially that for the time being, there will be no quotation of average rates. Transactions must be for a minimum of US\$2,000 or 25,000 Portuguese escudos.—Reuter.

AP COMPOSITE PRICES

New York, Feb. 1. The Associated Press composite of 35 wholesale commodity prices registered its third successive Friday decline this week, standing at 202.59. A week earlier the figure was 205.09 and a year ago 165.4.

Declines were registered by textiles, grain and cotton, livestock and industrials. Foods advanced.—Associated Press.

MAERSK LINE

Notice To Consignees THE M/V "MARCHEN MAERSK" having arrived from New York and Ports of call. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th January, 1948 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 6th Jan. 1948 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Hong Kong, 1st February, 1948.

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "MENELAUS"

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents.

Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1948.

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M.V. "AGAPENOR"

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. 4th February, 1948 and consignees representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Hong Kong, 2nd Feb., 1948

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SS "General Meigs" (via Manila)	April 3		

TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES			
SS "President Madison" (S. F. Direct)	Feb. 11		
SS "President Grant" (via Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama)	Feb. 23		
SS "President Taft" (S. F. Direct)	Feb. 25		
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SS "Mount Davis"	Feb. 12		
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DALE GRAMER PROVES NEW PITCHING FIND

BOX SCORE

TEAM	R	H	E	R	B	SO	IP	W	L	SAVES
Recreio	3	1	0	1	0	0	9.0	1	0	0
Madcaps	2	3	0	1	0	0	9.0	0	1	0
Recreio	1	0	0	0	0	0	9.0	0	0	1
Madcaps	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.0	0	0	0

Score by Innings:
Recreio 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Madcaps 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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Recreio	3	1	0	1	0	0	9.0	1	0	0
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Score by Innings:
Recreio 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Madcaps 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Shanghai's Rugger XV

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—The Shanghai inter-provincial team which was selected yesterday afternoon, will begin daily training sessions tomorrow under floodlights.

The team, whose chances of winning against Hong Kong are considered bright, will be captained by D. J. Boyd and will include D. H. Stewart, who has represented Hong Kong on three occasions.

The team is as follows:—K. M. Campbell, D. H. Stewart, R. P. J. Killo, S. J. Ward, L. B. Huang, L. Plowden, R. C. Reynolds, M. L. Langley, R. G. Wedderburn, W. A. K. Chadwick, D. J. Boyd, P. E. Fox and W. H. Hoo—Reuter.

Winter Olympics Open Under Cloud

St. Moritz, Jan. 31.—The deadlock which has existed over the ice hockey dispute since the winter Olympic Games began yesterday morning, still remained after another day of negotiations. There was a chance tonight that the tournament, in which eight matches have already been played, would be abandoned, with the teams of several nations returning home.

The International Olympic Committee, at a meeting tonight, took no decision on the matter, but the feeling has been growing among the officials of some of the ice hockey teams that if the dispute between the Olympic and Ice Hockey authorities grows more acute, there will be nothing left but to go home.

Meanwhile, the intensive political manoeuvring was today forced in the background as 203 of the more than 900 winter sports competitors gathered in St. Moritz, flung themselves into the eight events of the second day's Olympic programme.

St. Moritz's slopes took the usual toll of accidents, the worst of which was suffered by the British skier, Peter Waddell, who broke four ribs during his final training spell.

Sweden, Switzerland and Norway carried off the principle honours.

Gold Medal

The first Gold Medal went to a Finn, Heigesen, of Norway, who won the 500 metres speed skating event in the new Olympic record time of 43.1 seconds.

M. Lindstrom, of Sweden, won the 10 kilometre cross-country ski race in 1 hour 13 minutes 50 seconds.

The two-man bobsled event was won by Switzerland's number two crew with an aggregate time of 5 minutes 29.2 seconds for four courses. Switzerland's number one crew finished second.

The ice hockey results were: Great Britain 6 Austria 4; United States 23 Poland 4; Czechoslovakia 6 Sweden 3; Switzerland 10 Italy 0—Reuter.

Results

St. Moritz, Jan. 31.—The following are the results of the winter games played here today:—

Ice Hockey: United States beat Poland by 23 goals to 4.

Military Pentathlon: Ten kilometres—Sweden took the first

Recreio Rally Comes Too Late

(By Grandstand)

The Rambling Rees yesterday suffered their second successive set-back when they were nosed out 4-3 by Eddie Marques' Merrymakers behind the superb mound performance of pitching discovery Dale Cramer, who returned a one-hit performance to spark his side to a brilliant victory in which bunched up hits again proved effective against the air-tight Recreio defence.

This third Recreio loss—all of them by one-run margins—practically spelled doom for Gansulves' hopes for a pennant year. Loyal supporters of the Recreio, though disappointed with the defeat, were treated to a rare exhibition of skill against skill.

Dale Cramer who went the route for the victors was practically a one-man team for the first four frames as all the Gansulves could do with his speedy offerings was to return them to the box where Cramer scooped up every one. Dale walked two and fanned two while Leo Tavares on the slab for the Rees started off badly by walking Robbie Rocha, eventually turned out to be the first run of the game. Leo also accounted for one via the strike-out route. No extra-base hits were pulled out in this tilt, but peppery Madcap receiver Samy connected for two bingles in three times at the plate to gather batting honours for the frames.

Early Lead

The Madcaps had an early lead when Robbie Rocha drew a pass and scooted off the way home on Ron Sequiera's long hold to deep center. In the next chapter Samy and Bob Remedios

connected safely with a one-two punch and both scored standing up as Quinn heaved wildly after freeing Verlaynes' sacrifice fly. The fourth Madcap counter was chalked up when Dale Cramer dropped a surprise bunt along first base line. Samy advanced him to second on his second safety and Cramer scored on a passed ball followed by a wild throw to third by first-sacker Wilfred Lawrence when temporary lapse left that base unguarded.

The Rees were held hitless and scoreless for the first four innings and the only one to get on base was Ernie Ribeiro who looked over four pitched balls for a walk. Ernie died on the sacks as Gus Pereira fanned, closely followed by Leo Tavares and Billy Soares, both of who could only find Dale's pitches easy pop outs. In the Recreio half of the fifth with two away, Ribeiro was awarded first base on interference by the catcher and stamped around second on a passed ball with a potential counter. Gus Pereira again failed to come through and Ernie was left on the base-paths. The fifth inning saw a flash of the famous Recreio late inning flare-up as Leo Tavares was given a life on an erratic throw to first. Bill Soares came through with his quick hit and there were two on. Tony Alves, exponent par excellence of the sacrifice bunt, advanced both base-runners.

With fans howling for a home run, Gerry Gosano stepped up to the plate wielding his mighty bludgeon and hoisted one out to short center, and it looked an easy out, but unfortunately short-stop Rocha and Sequiera got entangled and the result was a bobble and the bases were cleared for three Recreio runs on a bad throw-in. Staging their last stand, the Rees were far from being demoralized. Dicky Alves grounded out while Ernie Ribeiro whiffed, but Gussie Pereira out-smarted Cramer and drew a free ticket to first. It was almost a similar set-up to the last inning of the Recreio game against the Saints. With the tying run on first, Leo Tavares carried his wood to the plate after two-downs when a pinch-hitter was called for—anybody but Leo would have stood a better chance. We have come to the conclusion that mentor Tony Gansulves' reserve batting power must be pretty weak for Leo was allowed to bat and only succeeded in knocking out a feeble roller to Dale Cramer for his 8th assist of the game.

St. Joseph's protected their league leadership when they subdued V.R.C. 14-2, while the Canucks set up another near-record score for the "A" Division as they trampled over the Rovers 22-7. South China avenged their previous humiliation by Doc Mottish's Baseballers in chalking up a 12-5 verdict to climb over the Baseballers in the league ladder. The Filipinos sent the Police to the cleaners with a 12-1 triumph which included three in-four efforts by Fred Dista and Charlie "Bomber" Thompson.

In the only tilt of the Ladies League, the Be-hunter Vellie Franco for 14 buns including homers by Hilda Soares and Patsy Ribeiro, to hand out a 27-0 whitewashing, one of the Bees most devastating defeats only exceeded by a former humiliation at the hands of self-same Wahoes when they were trimmed 33-2.

Three teams have intimated participation in the International Series—the United States, Portugal and the Philippines. Entries from China and Britain are expected, and first round games are suggested for the Chinese New Year holidays. Games at the C.B.A. park will be of the ambiguous and confusing "padded ball" ruling: by next week when a wire fence will be erected behind the catcher, this

The 11th place was shared by Britain's No. 1 crew with the United States No. 1 and Italy's No. 2 with an aggregate of 4 minutes 13.8 seconds.

Ice Hockey: End of the first period: Austria 2 England 1—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL: LATE RESULTS AND TABLES

London, Jan. 31.—The following were the results of matches played today:—

Reuter yesterday issued the following correction to the Saturday results:—

Birmingham 0 Brentford 0

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	27	17	8	2	49	17	42
Burnley	27	11	9	6	40	22	37
Preston N.E.	27	14	6	6	44	22	37
Derby	27	12	8	6	32	34	32
Manchester U.	27	10	11	6	36	36	31
Wolves	26	12	6	8	30	42	29
Sheff. Wed.	26	10	8	8	37	30	24
Sheff. Utd.	26	11	5	11	35	42	27
Millwall	27	12	3	12	46	36	27
Charlton	27	12	2	13	30	50	26
Manchester C.	27	9	8	11	41	47	25
Preston L.F.C.	27	12	8	7	42	29	24
Liverpool	26	8	12	6	49	24	24
Huddersfield	26	8	10	8	38	34	24
Sunderland	26	8	7	13	39	47	23
Bradford	25	9	4	12	37	28	22
Sheff. F.R.I.	26	11	11	7	37	26	22
Stoke City	27	7	8	12	26	38	22
Bolton	26	9	10	7	30	47	21
Blackburn	26	7	5	14	46	52	19
Grimsby	27	9	10	8	30	34	18

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	26	16	5	5	52	31	36
Birmingham	27	16	7	4	34	17	34
West Brom.	26	15	4	7	48	22	32
Cardiff	26	11	6	9	38	29	28
Sheff. Wed.	27	14	4	9	40	32	28
Southampton	27	13	5	9	48	41	28
Charlton	27	11	6	10	37	34	28
West Ham	27	12	3	12	43	47	27
Bradford	27	12	3	12	35	40	27
Pulham	27	11	4	12	30	46	26
Liverpool	27	9	7	11	36	40	26
Hull City	27	11	7	9	37	38	26
Hull Town	27	9	6	12	37	34	24
Luton	27	9	11	10	28	35	23
Tottenham	27	9	8	9	38	31	22
Stoke City	27	9	4	14	36	50	22
Bradford	27	6	9	12	25	30	21
Doncaster	27	7	5	15	27	47	19
Millwall	27	5	8	14	26	47	19

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Accrington	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Bradford C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rotherham U.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gateshead	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crewe Alex.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hull City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brighton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halifax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochdale	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southport	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Lancashire	27	16	7	4	49	24	36
Rotherham	27	14	8	5	44	30	34
Hull	25	12	7	6	40	28	32
Cardiff	27	12	6	9	40	31	32
Cardiff	27	12	7	8	40	31	32
Accrington	25	14	7	4	42	33	31
Mansfield	28	11	8	7	34	32	28
Wrexham	26	10	7	9	30	31	28
Doncaster	26	10	7	9	30	31	28
Tranmere	26	12	2	12	40	46	26
Rochdale	26	10	6	9	32	40	26
Derby	27	9	7	11	36	49	25
Bradford	25	9	6	11	31	30	24
Oldham	26	10	11	11	31	35	22
Chorley	25	7	6	12	37	39	21
Stockport	25	8	11	11	26	36	21
Hartlepool	25	8	7	10	36	48	21
Southport	25	8	7	10	36	48	21
New Brighton	27	5	8	11	27	44	18
Hull City	27	4	7	16	30	51	17

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	27	16	7	4	49	24	36
Rotherham	27	14	8	5	44	30	34
Hull	25	12	7	6	40	28	32
Cardiff	27	12	6	9	40	31	32
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Accrington	25	14	7	4	42	33	31
Mansfield	28	11	8	7	34	32	28
Wrexham	26	10	7	9	30	31	28
Doncaster	26	10	7	9	30	31	28
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Manchester had goalkeeper trouble too. Their regular man, Compton, went down with laryngitis and they were forced to use a reserve goalkeeper, Brown, in his first league match, could not be blamed for the defeat and actually saved a penalty. A crowd of 62,000 saw Arsenal prove themselves worthy of being the First Division leaders with an emphatic success over Preston North End—their dangerous rivals.

Preston, for the second time this season, could not find Arsenal's net.

Arsenal Wins

Arsenal did not increase their league lead, however, for Burnley won at Middlesbrough and remain five points behind.

At the other end of the table, Grimsby lost again. Bolton, Blackburn and Stoke City all won their games.

Newcastle's policy of dropping several of their most experienced players brought success after three defeats when they beat Leicester City 2-0.

Birmingham were held to a draw at home by improving Brentford.

Queens Park Rangers and Lincoln City will hold the leadership of the Third Division, South and North respectively.

Bournemouth gained one point on Queens Park Rangers with a gritty away victory over Bristol City 2-1.

In spite of very bad weather, many parts of the country, just under a million people turned out to watch the matches—Reuter.

A meeting of the General Committee has been called for this evening at 5.15 p.m. at Dock Mottish's Office, Shell House, to discuss the various protests that have been lodged recently.

CHINESE STAGE AN EFFECTIVE COMEBACK

Compton: Sportsman Of The Year

London, Feb. 1.—Denis Compton, England cricketer, has been elected the "Sportsman of the Year" in the national ballot organised annually by the publication "Sporting Record."

The ballot is held to discover, in the opinion of sports fans, who—man or woman—is considered to have done most during the year to raise the prestige of British sport, whether amateur or professional, and Compton's election is a tribute to his wonderful cricket record last summer.

Apart from other great performances, he shattered the aggregate record and compiled a record number of centuries during the season.

Of nearly 90,000 votes cast, Compton received more than 25 percent—22,827, to be exact.

Reg Harris, the English cyclist, who won the world sprint title, was second with 14,777 votes, followed by footballer Tommy Lawton, 7,350; Jack Parker, speedway star, 6,568; Peter Kane, the boxer, 5,890, and footballer Stanley Matthews, 5,614.

Next in order came jockey Gordon Richards, speedway star Bill Kitchen, cricketer Bill Edrich, boxer Bruce Woodcock, footballer Frank Smith and boxer Freddie Mills.

Woodcock was voted to show place last year, when Sidney Wooderson, Britain's great runner, occupied the second position—Reuter.

CRICKET

B. And S. And Raynor Win

In a low scoring friendly cricket game on the Club ground yesterday, Tai Koo (Butterfield and Swire) beat Wayfoong (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank) by 12 runs.

Raynor was top scorer for Tai Koo with 31 and followed this up by taking 7 Bank wickets for 21 runs.

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Whypers, b. Snail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adams, b. Snail	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, b. Dew, b. Stewart	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raynor, b. Snail	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bardell, b. Ingham, b. Haymes	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kew, b. Haymes	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mair, b. Haymes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tippen, b. Snail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodcock not out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colesworth, c. Snail, b. Haymes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kay, b. Haymes	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

TAIKOO

BOWLING			
	O.	M.	R.
Snailth	7	1	26
Stewart	4	0	64
M.F.L. Haymes ..	4	0	10
W.N.S. Haymes ..	2	0	1
H. K. S. BANK			
Stewart, b Mair, b Raynor ..			
Evan Thomas, c Raynor, b			
Brown ..			
Forsyth, c Kew, b Brown ..			
M.F.L. Haymes, lbw., 'b			
Raynor ..			
Dew, b Raynor ..			
Lydall, b Raynor ..			
Glennie, b Raynor ..			
Milne Day, c and b Raynor			
Ingham, c Whypers, b Kew			